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## Tax hike eyed to fund PSS

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The Board of Education is proposing to impose a graduated increase on the withholding tax for those earning more than \$50,000 per annum, with the funds collected to go

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directly to the Public School System's yearly budget.

The idea is to increase the current withholding tax of 9% by one percentage point to 10% for those who make \$50,000 per annum, and the tax will increase gradually as

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## House panel urged to look into IPI accident

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Following the collapse of a scaffold at the construction site of Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC in Garapan that injured three people, Rep. Edwin Propst

(Ind-Saipan) is calling for an oversight to investigate, and to make sure that similar accidents would be avoided in the future.

Speaking at yesterday's session, Propst, who is the minority leader, called on the House Committee on Gam-

ing, particularly committee chair Rep. Ralph Yumul (R-Saipan), to initiate the investigation.

"I asked you and my colleagues that we look into this and conduct our own inquiry into this accident," Propst

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## Ansons retrace grand-sire's steps to the CNMI

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George Anson, the eighth-generation namesake of the late Lord George Anson, who visited Tinian in 1742, is re-

tracing the steps of his grand-sire and that modern-day journey has brought him, his wife, Kirsty, and their son, Douglas, to Tinian and Saipan last Jan. 11 to complete his great-grandfather's route in 1740 from England to Tinian.

The CNMI leg of that journey is being handled by Pacific Development Inc., with the help of an agent from England, said PDI managing director

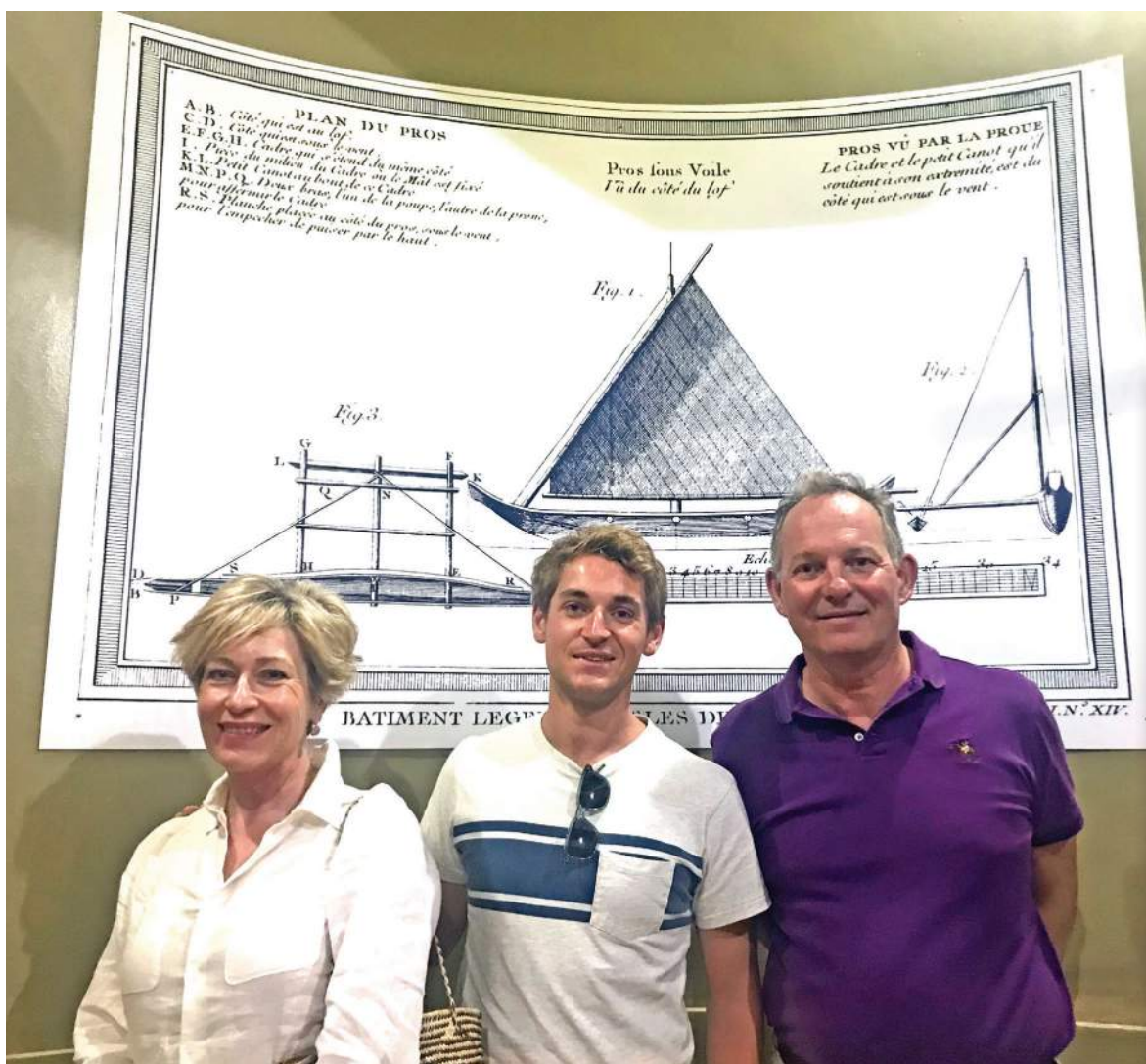
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Gordon Marciano. "It was important that we communicated with Tinian because that's where it all started," he said. "It's all about family heritage and family history," said Anson. "Everybody has their own family stories that they hear about for generations, things that happened to their family, and we're no differ-

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From left, Kirsty Anson, Douglas Anson, and George Anson pose in front of the late Commodore George Anson's sketch of a proa at the NMI Museum in Garapan.

JUSTINE NAUTA



The second oldest pocket globe that used to belong to Commodore George Anson will be presented in the NMI Museum in Garapan.

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## Local

# Sablan to GOP: The governor, too, deserves due process

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The CNMI Republican Party remains steadfast in its support of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, saying in a statement that the new year signals optimism for the Northern Marianas' growth and success, and ac-

curring the opposition of making "baseless claims" against the governor.

In response, Rep. Tina Sablan (Ind-Saipan), who is a member of the minority bloc, said the opposition lawmakers are just doing their job when they called for an investigation into allegations of public

corruption.

CNMI Republican Party president James Ada said the party, with its leadership, members, and supporters, stand behind the governor "against the baseless attacks he has received over the course of the last trying months."

According to Ada, the

CNMI economy has grown, jobs have increased, and more opportunities and public services have been provided to the community—all under the Republican leadership.

Ada claimed that the minority bloc in the Legislature has only brought "division and lies," and that, "still reeling from a devastating loss in the last election, have put forward positions that are disrespectful to our voters and our democratic system."

He added that any suggestion of impeachment of the governor is "simply political maneuvering," that no infraction known to them has risen to the level of impeachment,

and that the party stands firm in its position that "any petty attempt at further action by the shrinking minority will not be entertained."



Sablan

Sablan pointed out that the minority's move to call for a fair and impartial investigation into allegations of public corruption, waste, fraud, and abuse of public funds by the governor is just part of their job.

"If we were to ignore all the mounting allegations and the pleas of our constituents to do our jobs and open an inquiry, would that be respectful in your view, to our voters and democratic system?" Sablan asked. "In the eyes of the GOP, is it disrespectful to up-

hold our laws? Is our demand for transparency and accountability disrespectful?"

Sablan acknowledged that it is the CNMI Republican Party's prerogative to stand behind the governor, but accusing the minority lawmakers of creating division and spreading lies and saying that the Republicans in the Legislature will not entertain further action in an inquiry on issues concerning the governor should provoke a response, such as public outrage.

"Stand behind whomever you choose, but please don't stand in the way of ongoing investigations. That's called obstruction. Our people deserve truth and accountability. The governor, too, deserves due process," Sablan added.

## Finance remits \$835,962 to MVA but still owes \$6.1M



Marianas Visitors Authority board chair Marian Aldan-Pierce presides the MVA board meeting yesterday at the MVA's conference room. MVA board vice chair Gloria Cavanagh presided over most of the meeting as Aldan-Pierce had a conference call.

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The Department of Finance had remitted \$335,962 in hotel occupancy tax collection last December and \$500,000 more this month to the Marianas Visitors Authority, for a total of \$835,962, according to MVA managing director Priscilla M. Iakopo yesterday.

Speaking at the MVA board meeting, Iakopo said that Finance still owes to the tourism body \$4.3 million for fiscal year 2019, and \$1.7 million for fiscal year 2020, for a total of \$6.1 million.

Iakopo said they used the \$500,000 payment to pay their offshore offices' September invoices in full and that they were able to pay the 31-days-and-over owed local vendors.

When MVA vice chair Gloria Cavanagh asked about Finance's promise last month to remit \$2.45 million for December and this month, Iakopo explained that the communication she had last December with Finance Secretary David Atalig was that Finance will remit a million dollars, depending on the finalization of the bond that the government is planning to float.

Iakopo said she talked with Atalig last week, and that he disclosed that they're still finalizing the bond.

She said Atalig mentioned that the payment plan is still as scheduled and that once the bonding is complete, they will remit the \$1 million to MVA, and every week after that will be the \$300,000.

The managing director said Atalig is hoping to complete the bonding by the end of this month.

Under the law, 80% of the hotel occupancy tax collection goes to MVA, while 20% goes to the Settlement Fund.

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# NMI to join Micronesian Pavilion at Olympics

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The Marianas Visitors Authority board of directors approved yesterday the MVA management's request for \$10,725 to fund the CNMI's participation in the Micronesia Pavilion of the Pacific Asia Travel Association at this year's Tokyo Olympics.

MVA managing director Priscilla M. Iakopo explained during yesterday's



Iakopo

board meeting that the idea is for the CNMI to participate in a PATA

Micronesia Pavilion under the Oceania Village Tokyo Pavilion at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo.

She said she met with representatives of the CNMI's neighboring islands last December, during which the idea of setting up a pavilion at the Olympics was discussed. The MVA is a member of the PATA Micronesia Chapter.

"It was a discussion of us getting together to have our presence there," Iakopo said.

She said the budget for this Micronesia Pavilion is not included in MVA's fiscal year 2020 budget, hence the need for the MVA board to approve a separate allocation.

The managing director said they have been in communication with the representative of this Oceania Village Tokyo and that MVA's estimated costs would be \$10,725. The purpose of Oceania Village is to provide a showcase for the culture, history, and the people of Oceania.

The exhibits and workshops will provide an "Oceania" exposure to invited and passing trade guests through visual, demonstration, artefacts, performance and receptions with a general information on history, maps, culture and music for each island.

Iakopo said the \$10,725 would include the \$2,500 participation fee, set up, air fare, ground transportation, per diem, and miscellaneous.

"We are going to engage MVA Japan to also participate in this," Iakopo said.

When MVA board vice chair Gloria Cavanagh asked about where to get the \$10,725, Iakopo said they are going to ask the board

that they reprogram funds from their local Russia office, which has \$40,000 that remains unused.

All board members present at yesterday's meeting voted to reprogram the funding for the Tokyo event.

In a later interview, Iakopo said the Micronesia Pavilion will be a sort of subsection of the Oceania Pavilion, where

the MVA will promote the CNMI destination, giving out information, and have performances, among other things.

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# Medevac for fishing vessel crewmember off Guam

**SANTA RITA, Guam**—The Coast Guard and Navy medevaced a 61-year-old crewmember from the 252-foot Taiwanese-flagged fishing vessel *Sheng Hong* 149 miles south of Guam, Friday.

A Navy Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 MH-60 Seahawk helicopter aircrew successfully hoisted the man and brought him to U.S. Naval Hospital Guam in stable condition. Emergency medical personnel transferred him further to Guam Memorial Hospital. His current status

is unknown.

“HSC-25’s flight surgeon, pilots, air crews and helicopters are critical to the search and rescue response for the Marianas. The ability to extend our reach to almost 150 miles away from Guam to conduct a medical evacuation of a critically ill patient highlights this partnership to serve our community and mariners,” said Cmdr. Allison Cox, a Sector Guam search and rescue mission coordinator.

At 2:20pm, Joint Rescue Coordi-

nation Center Honolulu watchstanders notified Joint Rescue Sub-Center Guam watchstanders of the crewmember’s ailment. JRCC Honolulu received a report from Rescue Coordination Center Taipei, stating the man’s fellow crewmembers found him in his room unconscious after attempting to contact him via the ship’s phone.

JRSC Guam watchstanders consulted with a duty flight surgeon from the CTF 76, Navy Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 who rec-

ommended the medical evacuation as soon as possible. Watchstanders then reached out to HSC-25 to request helicopter support.

HSC-25 accepted the mission and immediately launched the Seahawk crew to avoid a night time hoist, which can complicate the evolution and increase the risk to the crew, asset and patient. Upon reaching the rendezvous point, the aircrew completed the medevac without incident and transported him to awaiting med-

ical services.

The weather on scene was winds of 23 mph and seas up to 4 feet.

HSC-25 is the Navy’s only forward-deployed MH-60S expeditionary squadron. The squadron’s aircrews provide an armed helicopter capability for U.S. Navy Seventh and Fifth Fleets as well as detachments to various commands covering a diverse mission sets including logistics, search and rescue, and humanitarian assistance. **(USCG)**

## Tenorio elected BOE chair anew

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Janice Tenorio was unanimously re-elected as chairperson of the Board of Education during the monthly BOE meeting yesterday.

This is Tenorio’s second term and her last and she is grateful for another opportunity to serve the community in this capacity.

“I feel great. This year is my last year, and to continue the work that we have done, especially with the new incoming commissioner as well, it will be a challenge but it will be good. I really thank all my colleagues in regards to supporting me and believing in my leadership,” she said.

Tenorio said her upcoming term would be a challenging one, especially when faced with PSS’ financial status.

“It will be a challenging term, especially [the] budget, but I have faith and I’m confident in regards to working with the central government, the Legislature, and Finance, [about] our needs,” Tenorio said.

PSS remains in austerity due to lack of funding for operations.

BOE members Herman Atalig, Marylou Ada, Andrew Orsini, and Phillip Mendiola-Long voted in support of re-electing Tenorio as the BOE chair.

Tenorio started her first term as chair back in January 2019.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Free government contracting training

The Guam Procurement Technical Assistance Center is offering free workshops to the public for January 2020. Workshops run from 9am to 10am at the University of Guam in the Jesus and Eugenia Leon Guerrero Business and Public Admin Building, Margarita Perez & Jaime Tuquero IT&E Lecture Hall, Room 131(unless otherwise specified):

■ Jan. 16: SBIR/STTR Programs—The Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer programs encourage small businesses to engage in Federal Research and Development that has the potential for commercialization. We will explain the

programs and show how innovators can get involved.

■ Jan. 23: Government of Guam Procurement—The Guam PTAC will explain government of Guam procurement, where to find opportunities, and how to submit bids.

■ Jan. 30: DLA Internet Bid Board System—The DLA Internet Bid Board System provides the capability to search for, view, and submit secure quotes for DLA supply RFQs, RFPs, and IFBs. The Guam PTAC will guide you through the process of setting up an account and navigating the system.

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email Therese at 735-2552/admin@guamptac.com. Walk-ins are welcome. **(PR)**

### 2020 Red Cross Walkathon on April 25

The American Red Cross-NMI Chapter’s 2020 Walkathon will take place on April 25, a Saturday. The event will include a 10K walk and lots of fun and games for the entire family. Activities will include a community resource fair, face painting, bounce houses and lots more. For information on the walkathon and how you can support, volunteer or participate, call the NMI Chapter at 234-3459 or e-mail at [nmichapter@redcross.org](mailto:nmichapter@redcross.org). **(PR)**

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one’s income increases. This tax is imposed on everyone in the CNMI but the proposed increase is only for those earning \$50,000 per annum or higher.

In an interview with BOE board member Phillip Mendiola-Long yesterday, he said that the BOE submitted five proposed bills to the Legislature but the most significant was the revenue bill that would increase the tax for the wealthy and generate additional funding for PSS.

“It is imperative that the Legislature look at these bills immediately. We don’t have much maneuvering ability when it comes to expenditure so even just the slightest change in the distribution from the general fund to the Public School System, we may have a problem with meeting our obligations and these bills are seeking to prevent that,” he said.

Mendiola-Long explained that

the increase varies and depends on income per annum and will only apply to those making \$50,000 and over.

He said the BOE felt there would be some room to derive some revenue from the wealthier members of the community, considering that the CNMI is among the lowest tax territories in the entire country.

“Hopefully...the Legislature will feel the same. If you’re at \$50,000 right now, you cap out at 9%. What this bill does is, if you’re making \$50,000, you’ll go up to 10%, \$60,000 to \$75,000 you’ll go up to 11%, and then it increases to \$150,000. If you make \$150,000 or more, you’ll pay 12% or 13% tax,” he said.

PSS had originally asked for a budget of \$50 million for this fiscal year; it eventually got \$37 million. That forced PSS to reduce personnel salary by 50% and prompted talks about the proposed tax hike.

“We have a \$45-million personnel budget and we were only given \$37 million to operate. There’s no more we can cut. We already cut

the teachers; we cut everybody, so if the Legislature is asking us to cut more, that would have to translate to a reduction of force. We don’t want to do that. It hurts our kids, and it hurts the schools,” he said.

Mendiola-Long said the focus is to direct any tax increase to those with higher income and avoid hurting those who are struggling already.

“We’re hoping the Legislature sees that and that the more wealthy and blessed in our community are a little more giving and doesn’t give the Legislature a hard time for passing this piece of legislation,” he said.

The BOE also introduced a bill that would impose an additional tax on luxury items.

“We’ve also introduced a bill to add tax on luxury goods. So if you’re blessed enough to buy a Louis Vuitton purse, or if you’re blessed enough to buy a \$12,000 necklace, we hope that you’d be willing to pay a little bit more of tax on top of that and that would be directed to the schools,” he said.

Last Jan. 12 marked the first day of the Ansons’ tour of Tinian, where they visited historical sites where his great-grandfather had settled.

On Jan. 13, the Northern Marianas Humanities Council and the Northern Marianas Historical Preservation Office presented the Ansons with a keepsake of Lord Anson’s stay on Tinian, according to Marciano, followed by a tour of historic spots on Saipan last Jan. 14.

If you’re interested in following them around the island or seeing what prehistoric sites they have visited, visit [www.ansontours.com](http://www.ansontours.com).

record what they saw in the different cultures. In the case of the late Lord Anson, he had with him an artist named Percy Brett, who did a technical drawing from the front, side and above of a flying *proa*, which the Ansons will see today, Jan 15.

“We have been everywhere and we felt welcomed by the people here and I know that there’s been a lot of things that have happened on the island over the centuries here. But the fact that the local population here continue to welcome people and make them feel at home...says volumes of the type of people that are here,” said Anson.

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ent. It’s just this happens to be a little more documented.”

According to Anson, with his 60th birthday coming up, he and his wife made the decision to tour where his late great-grandfather, Lord Anson, had sailed during his time after being with the Royal Navy.

Not only was the late Lord Anson on a mission to find gold and silver, but they also had the duty as seafarers, which are to map the world and

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said. “The reason why is that I have received some confidential messages and calls from those who work [at] the construction site on what happened.”

Propst said the workers may be wearing harnesses that are meant to protect them in case of a fall or collapse, but he questioned the absence of a line for them.

“My question is, why aren’t they having a line for the harness? What is the purpose of wearing something if you’re not cabled in. It makes no sense. And this is not just one person I heard this from,” he added.

Propst said the accidents that have already happened at the site are legitimate concerns, and that the House Gaming Committee should be able to call the Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration, as well as the safety officials, for questioning.

“How do we ensure moving forward that this will never happen again?” Propst asked. “I believe we have the power to do something about this and to look into it. At least have us work together as a committee to investigate.”

### Vigilant

“I do share the minority leader’s concern,” Rep. Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan) said.

The House vice speaker said that he did go to the construction site, along with Rep. Roman Benavente (R-Saipan), as soon as they learned of the accident.

Deleon Guerrero questioned the absence of quality control and assurance for the safety of workers and of the people on site.

“Where is the quality control, quality assurance for the safety of the workers and the safety of the people?

We practically drove in. There’s no signs, there are no barricades,” he said.

“We sat there for 10-15 minutes trying to get information about the incident, and then that’s when the swarm of safety officers started telling us “Sir, you cannot be in there without the safety hat, without the vest, and all those things that would have prevented this accident.”

Deleon Guerrero echoed Propst’s statement that several accidents have already happened.

“When an accident occurs, we are supposed to implement measures to prevent further accidents, and yet it continues. Definitely, I share with the minority leader, we got to be very vigilant on this.”

### CNMI OSHA?

House legal counsel John Cool argued that, because of the islands’ distance from the nearest OSHA office, there is almost a necessity for the CNMI set up its own OSHA enforcement system.

“I checked with OSHA and 37 other states and territories have approved state plans where they locally minister, supervise. The ones in the [United] States that don’t have approved OSHA programs are usually the smaller states, like us. But because of our distance from our nearest OSHA office, it almost requires us to set up our own OSHA enforcement system here,” Cool said.

The legal counsel said the CNMI can adopt a Commonwealth OSHA Enforcement Program and have it approved by OSHA so that people can be hired to do inspections.

“We have training people but we don’t have inspection people,” Cool added. “We need people to inspect not only this job site; some of the smaller job sites are much more dangerous. There’s horrendous injuries at other job sites that we don’t even hear about.”

## High court clarifies what constitutes govt revenue

The CNMI Supreme Court has responded to three certified questions that Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres and Board of Education chair Marylou S. Ada submitted to the court about what constitutes government "revenue" and the constitutionally-mandated share of the Public School System.

Specifically, the two officials asked the high court's opinion about their duties and responsibilities under Article XV, Section 1(e) of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands: "The public elementary and secondary education system shall be guaranteed an annual budget of not less than twenty-

five percent of the general revenues of the Commonwealth through an annual appropriation. The budgetary appropriation may not be reprogrammed for other purposes, and any unencumbered fund balance at the end of a fiscal year shall be available by reappropriation."

Answering the first question on what revenues comprise "general revenues" within the meaning of Article XV, Section 1(e), the Supreme Court held that "general revenue" is a subset of the Commonwealth's revenue, distinct from special revenue. To qualify as special revenue, there must be a relationship between the

revenue's source and the revenue's purpose. If there is no relationship, those revenues are general revenues, of which PSS is entitled to a percentage.

On the second question concerning the Legislature's authority to suspend earmarks in appropriations bills, the BOE and the governor concede the Legislature does have the authority to suspend earmarks, transforming those revenues into general revenue, which are subject to PSS's guarantee.

Finally, the Supreme Court also held that PSS is entitled to a portion of supplemental budgets passed when the CNMI experiences a revenue sur-

plus. That is, PSS' guarantee is not restricted to a single annual appropriations bill. However, when there is a revenue shortfall, the Legislature may proportionately reduce PSS'

share, so long as PSS' 25% share is preserved.

The Supreme Court's full opinion is available at <http://cnmilaw.org/supreme20.html>

The NMI Constitution per-

mits elected and/or public officials to request the Supreme Court to answer legal questions touching upon the exercise of their respective responsibilities. (PR)

### PIKA FESTIVAL

The Marianas Visitors Authority and co-sponsor Tinian Mayor's Office will hold the 16th Annual Tinian Hot Pepper Festival on Feb. 15-16, 2020, at the fiesta grounds in San Jose village on Tinian, adjacent to Kammer Beach.

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## Ruling cites difference between Carolinian custom's *mwei mwei* and *fa'am* adoptions

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REPORTER

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho has issued a ruling in two probate case in which he explains the difference between the Carolinian custom of *mwei mwei* and *fa'am* adoptions.

Camacho's ruling also cited a Carolinian woman, Ignacia Kani Teigita, who married Catalino Tagonan Cangco, a Filipino man who moved to Saipan after World War II as part of the U.S. military's ef-

fort to rebuild the Northern Mariana Islands.

Camacho ruled that four categories must be satisfied for *mwei mwei* adoption to occur: Whether the natural parents consented to a *mwei mwei* adoption; whether the adoptive parents consented to adopt the child as a *mwei mwei*; whether the adopted child recognized the adoptive parents as their "real" parents; and whether the community was aware of the *mwei mwei* adoption.

The judge said *fa'am* is the eruption. UA flight 184 Manila-Guam was also cancelled on Monday for the same reason.

Taal Volcano spewed ash and steam last Sunday.

Carolinian custom of taking in foster children.

Camacho said

Unlike a *mwei mwei* adoption, child adopted under the *fa'am* tradition is not entitled to inherit from the foster parent, Camacho said.

Camacho discussed the difference between the two forms of adoptions in the probate of the estate of the deceased Juan Saramina Teigita and Mariana Kani-Teigita, and the estate of the deceased Jose Rapugau Kani.

The judge found that under the totality of the circumstances, Pedro Kani Teigita and his sister Cayetana Kani Teigita have failed to prove by

preponderance of the evidence that they were *mwei mwei* adopted by their biological grandparents, Mariana Kani-Teigita and Juan Saramina Teigita.

The judge also found that there was no *mwei mwei* adoption because Pedro Kani Teigita and his sister, Cay-

etana Kani Teigita, as very young children who were unable to support themselves, were taken in by their biological grandparents as *fa'am*, the Carolinian custom of taking in foster children.

Camacho said the *fa'am* was done after Catalino Tagonan Cangco did not want the children of his wife, Ignacia Kani Teigita, from her prior relation-

ship to be part of his household.

Camacho found that the overwhelming evidence shows that the community was not aware that Pedro Kani Teigita and his sister, Cayetana Kani Teigita, were *mwei mwei* adopted by their grandparents, Mariana Kani-Teigita and Juan Saramina Teigita.

On Feb. 20, 2019, Eloy Dela Cruz, the administrator of the estate of Juan Saramina Teigita and Mariana Kani-Teigita, filed in court a petition for decree of final distribution of the estate.

Eloy Dela Cruz is the son of Cayetana Kani Teigita Dela Cruz, also known by her maiden name, Cayetana Kani Teigita.

Joseph Kani Ruak, the administrator of the estate of Jose Rapugau Kani, objected to the petition for final distri-

bution of Juan and Mariana Teigita's estate. The heirs of Joaquin Kani Teigita also objected to the final distribution.

Camacho heard the case last Aug. 19 and 22.

Rosemond Santos appeared as counsel for the estates of Juan Saramina Teigita and his wife, Mariana Kani-Teigita.

Brien Sers Nicholas served as counsel for the estate of Jose Rapugau Kani and its administrator.

Janet H. King appeared as counsel for the heirs of Joaquin Kani Teigita and their representative.

## United operates extra Guam-Manila flight

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REPORTER

United Airlines will be flying today, Wednesday, an extra flight between Guam and Manila to accommodate any remaining passengers affected by the Taal volcano eruption in the Philippines.

An email from United Corporate Communications last night said that UA flight 2800 will depart Guam today at 9:20am and arrive in Manila at 11am. UA flight 2801 will then depart Manila at 12pm and arrive in Guam at 5:35pm that same day, today.

UCC said United Airlines customers can contact [united.com](http://united.com), United reservations at 1-800-United-1 (1-800-864-8331), their travel agent, or United's City Ticket Office in Guam for rebooking.

UCC noted that all flights are subject to change based on the unpredictable conditions surrounding the Taal Volcano's activity and at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport in Manila.

"The safety of our customers and employees is our top priority. United continues to monitor this situation closely to ensure that conditions are safe for travel," UCC said.

The Guam-Manila flight last Monday, UA flight 183, was canceled due to



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# Guam Guard soldier is named top recruiter



GUAM NATIONAL GUARD

Staff Sgt. June Owen, from the Guam Army National Guard's Recruiting and Retention Battalion, at center, poses after receiving the RRB's Noncommissioned Officer of the Year Award for 2019 during a banquet recently. She is pictured with Command Sgt. Major Ronald Brantley, RRB CSM, left; and Lt. Col. Charles Douglas, RRB commander.

**BARRIGADA, Guam**—Staff Sgt. June Owen was named the Guam Army National Guard's Recruiting and Retention Battalion's non-commissioned officer of the year for 2019.

Throughout the year, she

recruited more than 20 individuals into the Guam Army National Guard to serve the island and nation, exceeding her goal by more than 30%.

"I'm so grateful to be named the local recruiter of the year," she said. "Compet-

ing against recruiters who are awesome at their job, and who I respect, is such an honor and I am proud to be part of such an elite team."

Owen enlisted in the Guam Army National Guard on July 28, 2011, as a horizontal construction engineer, or 12N, assigned to the 1224th Engineer Support Company. She was tasked as a financial management technician with the Guam Army National Guard Element before moving to the Recruiting and Retention Battalion in August 2018.



GUAM NATIONAL GUARD

Staff Sgt. June Owen, from the Guam Army National Guard's Recruiting and Retention Battalion, left, talks to a potential recruit at the offices in the GCIC Building in Hagatna.

"Staff Sgt. Owen believes in the Guam Army National Guard, so motivating her to go out and recruit was not hard at all," said Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Brantley, Guam Army National Guard's Recruiting and Retention Battalion command sergeant major. "Her professionalism with fellow soldiers, leaders and the community, especially with her assigned school, increased our visibility on the island." (PR)

## Triple J hosts job fair to fill vacancies



JUSTINE NAUTA

Applicants are entertained at Triple J's job fair last Jan. 13 at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

By JUSTINE NAUTA  
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REPORTER

Over 50 applicants checked out the one-day job fair that several companies under the Triple J Enterprises banner held last Jan. 13 at the Pedro P.

Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

According to company HR director Frank Ada, the job fair was intended to fill more than 20 positions that were available. The vacant positions are entry-level and he said Triple

J is willing to teach potential candidates to gain experience in their desired position.

The job vacancies being offered are restaurant manager, restaurant servers, restaurant cooks, kitchen helpers, restaurant bakers, IT generalist, accounting associates, meat cutter, kitchen manager, housekeeping supervisor, vehicle service attendant, pre-delivery inspection, service advisors, CNMI-licensed electrical engineer, repair maintenance personnel, and CNMI license mechanical engineer.

They are currently hiring for these positions for Great Harvest, Hertz Rent-a-Car, Surfrider, Sandy Beach Homes, Payless Super Fresh and Truckload Store, Tony Roma's, Capriciosa, Bubba Gump, Triple J Motors, Triple J Wholesale Foods, and Surf Club.

To apply for any position, contact Triple J online or physically at any of their facilities that are hiring.

"Triple J Enterprises simply would not be the thriving and successful multi-faceted operation without the talent, drive, and commitment of the people who represent the company each and every day," said Ada.

For more information, contact the Triple J Office at (670) 234-1795 or stop by their office at the back of the Great Harvest bakery in Chalan Kanoa.

## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

### Job Vacancy Announcement

**JVA No. 20-027**

## Safety Officer

**Opening Date: January 14, 2020**  
**Closing Date: January 21, 2020**

**Duties:** Under the direct supervision of the Chief of Administration or his/her designee. The Safety Officer complies with all occupational health and safety guidelines and ensures that Site Safety and Health Plan is prepared and implemented. Inspect work sites and review working conditions. Responsible for monitoring and assessing hazardous and unsafe situations and developing measures to assure personnel safety. Test workplaces for environmental hazards, such as exposure to radiation, chemical or biological hazards, or excessive noise. Verify availability or monitor use of safety equipment, such as hearing protection or respirators. Investigate accidents to identify causes or to determine how such accidents might be prevented in the future. Inspect or evaluate workplace environments, equipment, or practices to ensure compliance with safety standards and government regulations. Update procedures and policies for new regulations or local ordinances. Supply, operate, or maintain personal protective equipment, ensure all personnel follow all personal safety precautions. Maintain all required environmental records and documentation. Prepares incident and accident reports to document issues/incidents and appropriate corrective actions. Monitors equipment and supplies inventory; requests replacement stock to replenish inventory levels; ensures stock supply and preparedness for responding to oil spills or related incidents. Performs safety related duties after hours, on weekends, and on holidays as needed. Stand-by on-call designation on alternating basis. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

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**SALARY:** \$40,084.00 to \$ 54,113.00 Per annum, Exempt  
**CONTRACT:** Two (2) years, subject to renewal  
**POSITION(S):** One (1)

**Minimum Requirements:** Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, Business or directly related field and 2 years of directly related experience; or High School Diploma, General Education Diploma, or Adult Basic Education and 6 years of directly related experience. Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Investigative techniques; Mitigation procedures; Safe work practices and procedures; Customer service principles; Modern office technology. Skills in: Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards; Performing inspections to monitor safety and environmental compliance; Responding to emergency incidents to ensure corrective actions and proper procedures are followed; Monitoring equipment and supply inventory; Conducting and assisting with informational workshops and orientations; Reviewing project specifications and monitoring project work; Providing customer service; Preparing reports and related activity documentation; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Valid U.S. Driver's License with appropriate class. Position may require the following specialized licenses and certifications: Emergency Responder Certification, Hazmat and OSHA Certifications. Applicants may be tested. Subject to pre-employment drug test.

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#### AIRPORT FIRE STATION ROLL UP DOOR REPLACEMENT

#### PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-001-20

#### 1st AMENDED REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting for sealed proposals for procurement, delivery and installation of eight (8) stainless-steel brand-new roll up doors for the bays located at the Airport Fire Station at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. The work shall include all design, materials, labor and equipment necessary to achieve the finished products, along with testing and commissioning in compliance with the items in the scope of work.

The Scope of Work (SOW) may be picked up at the CPA Administration Office at no cost. Project approach and cost must be within the parameters of the established SOW. Any deviation from the SOW, a proposal based on reduced SOW or a proposal that exceeded what is required by the SOW, may be grounds for immediate disqualification of the offeror's proposal package.

A site visit may be requested by each proposer and will be coordinated with the CPA's Airport Fire Chief, Frederick Pangelinan at telephone number 670-288-0091.

Questions shall be submitted in writing to Ms. Wendi Prater, CPA Executive Assistant/Project Manager via hand delivery to the CPA Administration Office or via email at [wprater@cpa.gov.mp](mailto:wprater@cpa.gov.mp) or [cpa.engr@pticom.com](mailto:cpa.engr@pticom.com) by no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, January 17, 2020. All responses to questions or requests for information will be provided to all proposers who have picked up a proposal package.

Proposers shall submit one original and four (4) copies of the proposals, sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for Procurement, Delivery and Installation of Eight Roll Up Doors for Airport Fire Station at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, CPA-SA-001-20". Proposals must be submitted no later than **5:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2020**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport.

**PROPOSERS SHALL PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO ALL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS DETAILED IN THE SCOPE OF WORK, AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AS DETAILED ABOVE.**

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO  
Executive Director

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# Foul odor from sewage treatment plant to last months

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is advising the public that sewage odor emanating from the Sadog Tasi Treatment Plant will be smelled in the Sadog Tasi, Puerto Rico, Lower Base, Lower Navy Hill and Garapan areas.

In an advisory yesterday, CUC said the foul smell is expected to continue intermittently throughout February, March and April 2020.

CUC advised that it is also planning on a series of rehabilitative improvements to the treatment process over the next year that will be critical

for the long-term viability of the plant to handle the large amount of new development on the island.

"The outcome of those improvements will be an odor free treatment facility," it said.

At present, the cause of the sewer odor is due to the reactivation of the aerators in basin I at the Sadog Tasi Treatment Plant and the startup of the digester aerator unit following a draw down or decanting of excess effluent. The temporary clarifier currently running needs to allow additional sludge to build a sludge layer

on the bottom of the basin to properly capture and draw the waste sludge from the unit. This process may take up to three months or more, depending on the timing of the treatment process changes. As a result, there will be reduced odors and improved effluent quality once it goes operational.

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**The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would like to inform the public that there is still currently a sewage odor in the areas of San Antonio and Koblerville and is ex-**

**pected to continue until further notice.**

**The cause of the sewer odor is due to a mechanical failure of its aerators at the Agingan Wastewater Treatment Plant. Parts have been expected to arrive on island for the past few months but there has been a delay due to unexpected delivery issues with the vendor. Once the parts arrive, wastewater operators will then make the repairs. As a result, the sewage odor will improve. The units are at the end of their useful lives and new units**

**are being ordered as part of a major upgrade.**

**CUC appreciates the public's patience throughout this sewage process and will continue to work diligently to minimize any inconvenience to its customers.**

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CUC said it is also working on lessening the odor around the treatment plant to prevent scattering the odor to neighboring areas. "We will be looking at alternatives for masking the smell of the treatment process, which is not hazardous to you, just unpleasant to smell,"

the advisory states.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor CUC's Facebook page for the latest updates (<https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation>). (PR)

## DOI turns over \$4.4M to USVI

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Department of the Interior will be forwarding \$4.45 million this week to U.S. Virgin Islands Gov. Albert Bryan Jr., representing an adjustment for rum excise tax payments for fiscal year 2019.

Certified by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, this amount represents an adjustment owed to the USVI government based on actual certified rum excise tax collections and the remaining amount owed to the USVI after an initial advance payment for the 2019 fiscal year.

Under the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands (48 USC 1541), any excise tax collected on USVI-manufactured rum imported into the United States is transferred to or "covered-over" to the USVI. Each year, the USVI government submits an advance estimate of rum excise taxes for a "cover-over" payment to be made in or around September of each fiscal year. Adjustments are calculated based upon the difference between amounts advanced from rum excise taxes derived from the USVI and amounts collected by the federal government each fiscal year. The Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs makes the "cover-over" payments to the USVI government on behalf of the federal government.

An initial advance payment of \$251.75 million for fiscal year 2019 was paid in September 2018. The total and actual amount certified for 2019 rum excise taxes collected for the U.S. Virgin Islands comes to \$256,216,642—this week's payment of \$4,466,642 makes up the difference. (PR)

## 3 vying for SCC Business Person of the Year award

Three nominees will be vying for the 2019 Business Person of the Year Award at the annual Saipan Chamber of Commerce Gala on Jan. 25, 2020 at the Hyatt Regency Saipan ballroom from 6pm to 10pm. The three nominees are Gloria Cavanagh of Pacific Island Club Saipan, Glen Hunter of The Shack, and Roman "Bo" Palacios of J.C. Tenorio Enterprises.

The winner of this award, who will be selected by the prior award recipients, will be named at the Business Person of the Year Gala slated for Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020.

Seats to event are limited and available for advance purchase only for \$100 per person. Tickets include a formal sit-down dinner, networking, and a night celebrating the movers and shakers of our community. To order tickets, RSVP online at <https://www.saipanchamber.com/our-events/>, email Noelani at [coordinator2@saipanchamber.com](mailto:coordinator2@saipanchamber.com), call (670) 234-7150, or visit the third floor of the Marianas Business Plaza, Suite 315.

Cavanagh is the general manager of Pacific Island Club Saipan, which managed to reopen less than two months after sustaining heavy damage from Super Typhoon Yutu.

In 2019, PIC initiated two new signature events to highlight the CNMI as a world-class destination: Summerfest and the PIC New Year's Eve Party. Additionally, in 2019 PIC supported 15-plus community events, projects, and nonprofit organizations, including organizing the PIC Duck Race and PIC Hafa Adai 5K, raising money for local nonprofits.

As an advocate for the CNMI's industries, Cavanagh is the chairwoman of the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, treasurer of the Northern Marianas Business Alliance Corp., and vice chairperson of the Marianas Visitor's Authority. She also



Hunter

served as the secretary of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee, reviewing the 2016-2020 CEDS projects to address Yutu-related projects.

Through HANMI, Cavanagh has assisted business leaders in negotiating long-term leases for maturing contracts with current leaseholders, as well as worked with the Department of Public Lands on current and proposed regulations. Cavanagh remains vocal in the funding of MVA with the use of the hotel occupancy tax, as a means for hotels to



Cavanagh

invest in the promotion of our islands as a tourist destination. She has also assisted NMBAC in advocating at the federal level regarding complications with workforce-related issues.

Hunter is the owner of The Shack Saipan, the Airstream Café, and Go Hydro. He has been a member of the Chamber for the last 13 years (first at PTC, then at Transpacific, then The Shack). In 2019, Hunter was engaged with the SCC membership committee, helping with new membership orientations, mentoring new entrepreneurs at Pitchfest,



Palacios

and co-conducting trainings for Saipan Young Professionals. As an entrepreneur and small business owner, Hunter was elected to the 2020/2021 Saipan Chamber of Commerce board of directors to provide insight on the issues impacting small businesses and support initiatives that will lead to sustainable development in our islands.

Hunter has helped launch many community organizations such as Rising Tide, Comprehensive Outreach Recovery Effort, Commonwealth Advocates for Recov-

ery Efforts, Friends of Marpi, and, as a small business owner, he contributes to the Saipan Young Professional, Mariana Islands Nature Alliance, American Red Cross, Marianas Young Professionals, Northern Marianas Trade Institute, and other local groups.

In 2019, Hunter graduated from the National Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Business program with a Certificate in Entrepreneurship.

Palacios is the vice president of J.C. Tenorio Enterprises. Last year marked Joeten Enterprises' 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary, where Palacios and the Joeten Enterprises team thanked the people of the Northern Marianas by promoting high-dollar raffle prizes and limited-edition giveaways to customers. In 2019, Joeten Motors also managed to complete the construction of its brand-new Ford and Honda Showroom and hosted the quinquennial Joeten Memorial Golf Classic, which raised funds for their annual scholarship program.

Palacios is active in the NMBAC, where he has represented the CNMI in Washington, D.C. to educate various congressional offices and federal agencies about the continuing challenges in the CNMI various federal issues concerning the CNMI's labor shortages and access to tourism markets.

Palacios currently serves as president of the Commonwealth Cancer Association, spearheading a number of legislative, outreach and research/academic initiatives that have driven positive and substantial changes on combatting cancer in the CNMI. He has also served on the Micronesian Islands Nature Alliance as vice chair from 2012 to 2014 and as co-founder and president of the Marianas Young Professionals from 2015-2017.

In 2019, Palacios was recognized as one of *Guam Business Magazine's* 40 Under 40. (PR)

## SCC to also hand out flurry of awards

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will be handing out three new awards at its annual "Business Person of the Year" Gala on Jan. 25 at Hyatt Regency Saipan ballroom. These new awards include the 2019 Small Business of the Year, 2019 Nonprofit of the Year, and 2019 Chamber Member of the Year. Additionally, the winners of the Saipan Young Professional of the Year and Business Person of the Year will also be recognized that evening.

Nominees for 2019 Small Business of the Year include Caravan of Foods, Island Training Solutions, and Naked Fish Bar & Grill.

Nominees for 2019 Nonprofit of the Year include 500 Sails, the American Red Cross- Northern Marianas Chamber, the Salvation Army, and the Tan Siu Lin Foundation.

Nominees for the 2019 Chamber Member of the Year include Aon Insurance, CNMI Small Business Development Center, First Hawaiian Bank, Friends First Marketing, IT&E, and Pacifica Insurance Underwriters Inc.

Nominees for the 2019 Saipan Young Professional of the Year include the following: Nicole Babauta (CNMI SBDC), Riya Nathrani (CNMI PSS – Hopwood Middle School), Le'ah Aguon Murphy (CNMI PSS – Koblerville Elementary), Jeffrey Bacani (CNMI PSS – Francisco M. Sablan Middle School), Matt DeLeon Guerrero (Hive Analytics), Francisco "Sonnie" Sablan (INAS' Kitchen), Kevin Bautista (Office of the Governor), and Marie Aldan (Staywell Insurance).

The winners of these awards will be voted on by the Saipan Chamber of Com-

merce membership official representatives online from Wednesday Jan. 15 until Tuesday, Jan. 21. To vote, see bios for nominees, and check if you are listed as an official Chamber representative, visit <https://www.saipanchamber.com/whatsnew/saipanchamberawards>.

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## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



Happy 21st birthday, Hector Camacho! We pray that your path will always be full of bright happiness. We want you to always be this kind, magnificent and strong man like you've become. We love you very much. From Mom, Paul, and siblings.

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# Unknown suspect breaks glass window of Cha Cafe

Police are currently looking for a suspect or group of suspects who threw an unidentified object and broke a window of the Cha Cafe and Bistro in Garapan last Jan. 11, 2020.

In a report by the CNMI

Department of Public Safety yesterday, it said that DPS received a 911 call last Saturday, Jan. 11, at about 10:54pm, reporting a criminal mischief complaint at the establishment, which is located along Coral

Tree Avenue in Garapan.

Police arrived at the scene at about 10:58pm and met with the caller, who is the owner of Cha Cafe and Bistro. The caller stated that an employee called him to the

second floor patio/outside area after a loud “bang” was heard. Employees rushed to the second floor and noticed cracks in one of the windows but could not locate the object that was thrown. Employees

then noticed a group of several male individuals, looking up toward the establishment before running south along the sidewalk on Beach Road.

This case remains ongoing. If you have any information

on this incident, call 911 to report it. If you have any information on the individual(s) involved and would like to remain anonymous, call the CNMI Crime Stoppers hotline at 234-7272. **(PR)**

## Ferry will be available for Tinian Hot Pepper Festival

The Marianas Visitors Authority will offer ferry service between Tinian and Saipan for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Tinian Hot Pepper Festival on Feb. 15-16, 2020.

The ferry schedule is: Feb. 14, departing Saipan at 5pm (reserved for Pika Bike Race participants with proof of registration) and departing Tinian at 8:30pm; Feb. 15, departing Saipan at 9am and departing Tinian at 4:30pm (reserved for Pika Bike Race participants); Feb. 16, departing Saipan at 9am and departing Tinian at 4:30pm; and Feb. 17, departing Saipan at 8am and departing Tinian at 12pm. The *Super Emerald* ferry will depart from the Commonwealth Ports Authority dock in Lower Base; passengers and must check in one hour before departure.

Ferry round trip cost is \$25 for ages 3-11, \$35 for ages 12 and older, and free



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File photo shows Natasha Tomokane, center, and 2018 Miss Marianas Celine Cabrera, left, and other judges sampling entries in the Katdon Pika Cooking Contest at the 15th Annual Tinian Hot Pepper Festival.

for children ages 0-2. For one way, the cost is \$14 for ages 3-11, \$19 for ages 12 and older, and free for children ages 0-2. Advance ticket purchase is required and will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis. Ticket purchases may be made at the MVA office in Tinian or Saipan. Cash payments only will be accepted.

“We’re pleased to announce the confirmation of ferry services between Saipan and Tinian for the festival. There have been a number of inquiries already,” said MVA managing director Priscilla M. Iakopo. “We encourage everyone to purchase their tickets early, as several routes were sold out last year.”

The Tinian Hot Pepper Festival will be held at the fiesta grounds in San Jose, Tinian, adjacent to Kammer Beach. The festival, affectionately known as “Pika Fest” among locals (“pika” means spicy), pays homage to Tinian’s small but famous “donne sali” hot pepper. Activities will include dances, bands, and other live entertainment; cooking competitions, indigenous craft sales; and more. Festivalgoers will have the chance to purchase a variety of local dishes, join the *umang* (hermit crab) races, participate in sports activities, and join the hot pepper eating competition.

In addition, the 65K Pika Bike Race on Feb. 15 will begin at 6am. To register or for more information, contact Dawn Sarmiento at [dawnsarmiento@yahoo.com](mailto:dawnsarmiento@yahoo.com) or Alex Gozon at [alexgozon@yahoo.com](mailto:alexgozon@yahoo.com).

Air service between Saipan

and Tinian is provided by Star Marianas and takes 15 minutes. Extended flight service will also be available on festival days. Airport shuttle will be offered by the MVA to and from the festival site.

Accommodations are available at Tinian Ocean View, Lorilynn Hotel, Tinian Street Motel, Fleming Hotel, Green Lion House Hotel, and the Marpo Valley Inn. Free camping is available at Kammer Beach,

Taga Beach (toilets, barbecue pits, and outdoor showers available) and at the adjacent Tachogna Beach (toilets, barbecue pits, and indoor showers available).

For more information, contact Tinian Field Operations supervisor Vida Borja at 433-9365 or e-mail at [vborsa@mymarianas.com](mailto:vborsa@mymarianas.com) or MVA Community Project specialist Ray Villagomez at 664-3210 or [rvillagomez@mymarianas.com](mailto:rvillagomez@mymarianas.com). **(MVA)**



### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL MVA-RFP-20-2019

Submission Date: January 24, 2020 Time: 3:00 pm

### Architectural and Engineering Services

Submit Sealed RFP to:

Procurement Office  
Marianas Visitors Authority  
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The Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) is requesting proposals from qualified architectural/engineering firms capable of providing site condition assessments, complete schematic designs, budget reports for approved projects, and preparing the corresponding applications for necessary permits from government agencies. The MVA is issuing this Request for Proposal (RFP) for the selection of an architectural/engineering firm to provide architectural/engineering services in connection with its Destination Enhancement projects that MVA may undertake.

Interested parties may pick up the RFP package at the Marianas Visitors Authority office between 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday, except holidays or by visiting the MVA website at [www.mymarianas.com](http://www.mymarianas.com)

/s/ Priscilla M. Iakopo  
Managing Director

/s/ Marian Aldan-Pierce  
Chairperson, MVA Board of Directors



## DUCK BOAT/BUS (AMPHIBIOUS) NOTICE OF AUCTION/BIDDING

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4. If a bid is accepted, the winning bidder shall tender the full amount upon notice and take delivery. Otherwise the next highest bidder shall be considered. The Bank of Guam reserves the right to cancel the bid and resell/re-auction the unit.
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6. All bids are final.



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### EDITORIAL

## Cancer death rates show a record drop

**C**ancer remains a dreaded diagnosis, but there's heartening news. America is showing great progress against some of the most deadly forms of the disease, particularly lung cancer and the aggressive skin cancer melanoma.

Researchers have reported the largest-ever one-year decline in the U.S. cancer death rate, a drop of 2.2% between 2016 and 2017, according to the American Cancer Society. The rate has fallen resoundingly—nearly 30%—from 1991 to 2017, affecting nearly 3 million lives. Anyone who lost a loved one to cancer in that quarter-century can applaud this progress.

What drove the improvement? Both personal choices and medical advances contributed, researchers say. Lung cancer is by far the biggest killer of the cancers, and smoking—which is also implicated in other types of cancer—has been declining for decades. There are powerful new ways to diagnose and treat lung cancer, and even patients with advanced disease are living longer. "It's an exciting time," Dr. Jyoti Patel, a Northwestern University lung cancer expert, told The Associated Press.

Skin cancer death rates dropped even more dramatically, falling 7% annually in recent years, thanks to improved drug treatments, the report said.

Cancer is the second leading cause of death in the United States, behind heart disease. It still claims too many lives and strikes at our hearts in personal or public life. (We're rooting for you, Rep. John Lewis and "Jeopardy" host Alex Trebek.) While treatments have improved, in many cases their toll on patients remains too harsh.

The report came with some cautions: Death rates have increased for some cancers linked to obesity, including those of the thyroid, pancreas and uterus, The New York Times reports. Declines in death rates from prostate, breast and colon cancer are slowing, though that follows massive drops of 40% to more than 50%. There are geographic and racial disparities in death rates.

On the positive side, the decline in smoking cigarettes, not-that-affectionately known as cancer sticks, should continue to pay off for years to come. The HPV vaccine will continue its march against cervical cancer. Immunotherapy shows great promise.

And researchers keep chasing innovations in treatment. The Wall Street Journal reports on an approach harnessing ideas from evolution and—stay with us here—pest control. The approach aims to reduce tumors by just 25% to 50% and make the cancer manageable and leave some in place, but without empowering the bad cells that manage to survive. It's a philosophy similar to that used in exterminating bugs. "I think pest managers are about 30 years ahead of the oncologists," Carlo Maley, an evolutionary cancer biologist, told the Journal.

Cancer is complicated, and the solutions are too. Bad habits, pollution and complex risk factors like obesity won't just go away. But this record year of improvements shows that better choices and investment in more effective—and less destructive—ways to diagnose and heal are making a dent. Wouldn't it be nice to see The Big C downgraded from nemesis to nuisance?

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## Commodore Anson's visit to Tinian in 1742: A brief history

**O**ne of the most remarkable events in Marianas history was the unplanned visit of Commodore George Anson to Tinian in 1742, some 40 years after the Spanish depopulation of the island. His eighth-generation namesake, George Anson, his wife, and son are right now following the commodore's route from England to Tinian, where he landed in January 2020 and walked in his great-sire's footsteps. This brief history explains how Commodore Anson's visit to Tinian contributed to Marianas history and the results of his global mission.

George Anson was born on April 23, 1697, to a modest family living at Shugborough, England, not quite 30 years after Padre Sanvitores established the first Spanish mission in the Marianas. He joined the Royal Navy in 1712 during the War of the Spanish Succession (1701–1714). Using their negotiating skills to end the war, and backed by their powerful navy, the British managed to reduce the power of France and secured the Protestant succession for the British throne. The war marked Britain's rise as the leading European maritime and commercial power. It also led to the creation of a centralized Spanish state.

Anson then languished in a top-heavy, post-war Royal Navy until the War of Austrian Succession (1740–1748), pitting England against Spain. The successful colonization of North and South America as well as the Philippine Islands had brought great wealth to Spain. Peru produced high-quality silver, while Mexico was a source of both silver and gold. Two million British pounds' worth of silver was being shipped from Acapulco, Mexico, to Manila, Philippines, annually to buy handcrafted gold necklaces, buckles, rings, and crucifixes made from Mexican gold, spices, tea, porcelain, and other Asian goods. This treasure was then shipped to Acapulco, Mexico, on Manila-built galleons (armed merchant ships). From there, it was transported overland by mule train to Vera Cruz, to meet Spanish-built galleons that would carry it from the Caribbean, across the Atlantic to Spain. The cargo was heavily taxed, making Spain the richest country in the world at the time. This "Manila Galleon Route," established in 1568, continued until the Mexican

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Revolution of 1811–'21.

England's decision for war had much to do with piracy in the Caribbean and the perceived weakness of the Spanish government in South America. To pirates and predators of all nature, capturing a Manila galleon sailing in either direction in the Pacific was the fabulous "Prize of All the Oceans." Adding fuel to the fire for war, opposition politicians in England wanted to upset the

government of Prime Minister Sir Robert Walpole and investors in the British South Sea Company believed that a victorious war with Spain would improve Britain's trading opportunities in the Caribbean and maintain England's permission to sell slaves in Spanish America. As an additional benefit, stirring an "independence" movement among the Creole natives in Spanish-held colonies was seen as advantageous to British merchantmen, and therefore advantageous to England. Both politicians and merchants lobbied for war, and it began in December 1739.

Promoted to Commodore in the Royal Navy, George Anson (age 42) was handed his orders in June 1740. He was "to settle some island in the South Sea; to succeed in a descent on Peru; to take two men-of-war and the Lima fleet; to take Panama and their treasure; to take several valuable towns; to take the Acapulco ship, and to induce the Peruvians to throw off their obedience to the King of Spain." It was recommended that he return by way of China, giving the mission the extra challenge of circumnavigation.

With Commodore Anson aboard his flagship, the 60-gun *Centurion*, his flotilla of six warships and two supply boats with

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This illustration of Commodore George Anson's camp near Taga House on Tinian is from a drawing by Percy Brett who was aboard the *Centurion* with Anson.

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**Chinatsaga**

**G**i hilu' felis na tinituhun este na sakan ha totpe hit tinahuñg fondu gi kaha. Masusesede! Puede guaha adelantu sin ditension pot nesessidat publiku.

Gi mismu tiempu guaha anunsu na esta i ekonomia muna'lu tatte. Kase siña nahuñg \$16 Miyon pesos na biahe. Ti umafagcha' i primet yan segundu anunsu. Manu gi dos?

**Casino**

Animu guinifen para ta adelanta monedan iya Marianas. Uttimoña tasedi dikiki' na industriian casino. Ripot gaseta anog na ti gof guiya kinalamten este na bisnis guine. Ti ha materialisague' i hagas maguife na kopble.

Gi enteru iya America, guaha 43 na bisnis casino punta pot punta. Lastima sa' i ma-ekspepekta na salape' ti humalum. Pues kulan adotna pot bonitu fasilidatña. Sin estuidu para manu hit?

Pa'gu, kontodu mamopble man-mafafaisen para u yute' kepblen niha gi makinan casino. Kuantu gi tautau-ta mangai kepble para umayute' ñaihon gi makina?

'Nai taigue sufisiente numeron tautau ni man-lodu' suetdun niha taimanu la'la' i bisnis casino? Lastima i ta-upus i mapagahes pot casino ya kada man-a'atan hit todú manotohge gi hilu' tanu'! Dios mihu na linache i kuentas guine na biahe.

**Gayera**

Humalum i federat ya hana' para gayeran nabaha giya Guam yan Marianas. Nanalau na manlinistu man-esalau "kuttura" i

gayeran nabaha. Kuttura lokue' usun machete gi fina' estrakada?

Desde ñgai'an kuttura para tana' apunu' dos gayu yan se'si'? Guaha 'nai tali'e mafanana'an "balentia" lau ti usun nabaha. Dispues, hagas finagpu' misa 'nai takokone' pinegsai siha para tafatta haf' na rasan manog tapopogsai.

**Katma**

Bes enkuando, hagacha'yu' silensiu oriyahu piot gi lemlem tau-tau. Finagpu' ha'ane!

Hu tane'yu' gi Internet manaitai mas gaseta. Mauleg na offisiu pot ha sediyu' gumuadog asuntu siha para klaru yan aseguru na inanalisan infotmasion. Gi Internet lokue' guaha email (modun katta) para bai rikonose famaguon-hu siha ni mangaige chagu'.

Gi este na biahe mafattu hinassog-hu setbisiu siha ni ta resisibe ginen gobietnamentun iya Marianas. Kuestion: suficiente kualidat setbisiu pat sessu mana' sugu' gi papa' atuf gaguria?

Bes enkuando bai akanteha i asuntu pot interes tautau-ta siha gi señgsuñg. Fuetsau debi u guaha kabales yan kualidat na setbisiu sa' ta apapase ginen tax pagamiento-ta.

**Liñguahe**

Un' bisñietu sessu ha konbetsasiune-yu' gi finu' Chamorro. Maseha e'ekklau finu' Chamorraña lau estaya animu kumetu-ñgu' naturat na hila'ña.

Ha promesayu' na un' dia para u fañge' lokue' finu' Chamorro. Era, sessu mafanu'e gi eskuela ni tinige'hu gi gaseta ni manga-

The captured 32-foot proa was disassembled. The parts were all carefully taken on board so that the fascinating little vessel could be properly measured and recorded.

It was typhoon season. On Sept. 19, a storm came up. *Centurion* broke its anchor line and drifted out to sea and over the horizon. Suspecting they would never see *Centurion* again, or its chests of silver and gold, Anson ordered his men to cut the Spanish bark in half and enlarge it sufficiently to carry them to safety. To accomplish this goal, 1,000 feet of planking was cut from "large Trees of a prodigious hard Wood, of a reddish or rusty iron Color (Ironwood, *trunken gagu*).” Even Anson swung an axe, as did his junior officers.

They were almost finished with the new ship when, on Oct. 11, *Centurion* appeared over the horizon and anchored. Gleefully, every effort was made to shift all goods that had been taken ashore stored back aboard. The unfinished bark and the 32-foot proa were burned. The *Centurion* made sail on the 21<sup>st</sup> and headed toward China. After clearing through Macao, Anson moved *Centurion* to Cape Espirito Santo in Philippine waters near the Strait of San Bernardino, looking for a galleon coming from Manila and headed to Acapulco. He did not have long to wait. On June 19, 1743, Anson captured the 32-gun Manila galleon *Nuestra Señora de Covadonga*. Taken aboard *Centurion* were 1,313,843 pieces of eight, and 35,862 ounces of virgin silver and plate.

Anson arrived back at Spit Head, England on June 15, 1744, to a hero's welcome. Sadly, of the more than 1,900 men who had sailed from Spit Head, almost 1,400 had died. Nonetheless, on June 18, Anson was promoted to Rear Admiral of the Blue. He became very wealthy from his share of the treasure, a peer in 1747, First Lord of the Admiralty in 1751 and Admiral of the Fleet in 1761. He died in 1762.

The success of the mission, though costly in lives, was a result of the excellent seamanship of Commodore Anson and the loyalty of his men. The accounts written by Anson's junior officers were the first reports on the effects of Spanish colonial rule on the indigenous people of the Marianas, the Chamorro.

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choñgña. La anaku' na karera estake para u fañge' fotmat i lahihi.

Enfin, este i mañge' mas fotmat ke regulat na konbetsasion. Chage kumetuge' un' sentensia sa' siempre un' li'e na hahagu ha' namaisa. Na lamegai musgomu' para usu-mu.

**Asuntu**

Hu e'ekuñgug finu' otdinariu na tautau-ta pot gaige giya siha i dichu pinadese gi kinalamten halum guma' familia. Siha i man-chatsaga ya klaru masañgan sentimentun niha sin ditension.

I mas oppan na keha i suetdun popble gi kase 15-mit na empleau guine pa'gu. Makat na kontrariu i mankadideñg i familia diariamente para umana' nahuñge nesessidat niha. Inipus chagu' esta i presiun nesessidat siha kontra baratun suetdun popble.

Gi mismu tiempu dudayu' kau guaha seriuso na asuntun mantension familia pot guaha food stamps. Enfin, kase gaige gi otro asuntu siha tat kumu trahe, dogu, yan otro siha nesessidat familia.

Mansuetten famaguon sa' guaha amotsan oga'an yan talo'ane gi eskuela. Ai gi tiempun mame sali ham de man-ñgaha' durant-en recess. Namase' i drinking fountain gi entalu' klase.

Para i man-pinepblen mame mit gracias na sattun mañainan mame gi finana'guen relihion Katoliku. Gracias na manfelis todú gi halum ti deskribiyun na mattirun pinepble.

Tat aplacha' na cho'chu' ti hu chogue pot kinanu' familia. Hu pañut lago'hu gi halum luñu' na sisonyan chinatsaga. Mansuette famaguonta sa' ti mapadese ayu na sapet.

**Silensiu**

Sessu gi taftaf oga'an 'sino lemlem tautau silensiu i tanu'. Kase pot tutuhun yan finagpu' ha'ane.

Lau gi hinassog-hu guaha mas muna' fan mamatkilu tautau-ta siha: pinadese. Mayotmente gi empleau suetdun popble ma-usu-sune diariamente. Makat na kontrariu kontra nesessidat familia!

Gai minaput na asuntu gi halum guma' familia i sessu tinetpe tinahuñg para disiente na mantension. Lau fana'an guiya este mafanana'an "kanamia". De dios!

Guaha 'nai in' faisen i mansabiun I Deni' haf' planun niha umadelanta kualidat linala' tautau i señgsuñg siha? Haf' ineppen niha fuera de manlolosus gi mañgun kareta?

I chinatsaga gaige na haluñu' mampus kinalamten familia sin kampu para u fañgalamten disiente gi ha'ane.

Ti bai famaisen satbasion gi halum mansabiu. Tatnai sisida para bai malapbla na ti bisnes-hu. Lau todus hit manman-apapase tax, no?

**Ina'ayuda**

Namagof hinanau tautau-ta piot kustumbren ina'ayuda. Komplimentu gi sensian yine'ase' ginen relihionta. Este i dos bittot sumede hit muna' felis ha'anen unu yan todú. Fitme yan dignu na kustumbren mandikiki' na petlas.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR****Clarification**

In the Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2020, editorial section, there was a column titled, "Who is entitled to overtime?" by Jordan Sundell. While it is true that the new salary threshold for overtime exemption increased to \$684 per week for the United States, there were also exclusions. It did not include Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Their threshold remains at \$455 per week.

**Shirley Dotts, SPHR, SHRM-SCP**

via email

**COMMODORE**

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1,500 men on board (many of them sickly veterans of the War of Spanish Succession) left England on Nov. 5, 1740. They hit a terrible storm in March, 1741 while rounding "The Horn" of South America, and only three of the ships made it to the rendezvous at Juan Fernandez Island off the coast of Chile. Of the 961 men that had been on board the three ships when they left England, only 335 were left alive. They made the Mexican coast north of Acapulco in late December 1741, where they awaited the galleon from Manila. They gave up and left Mexico for Macao on May 6, 1742, when no galleon had appeared.

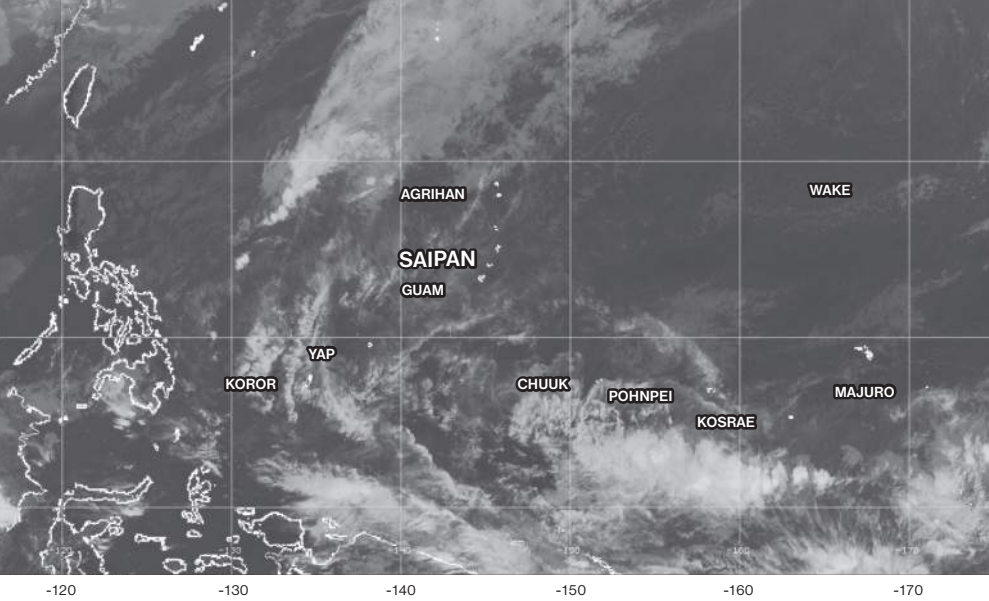
By then, the *Gloucester* was the only other ship left of the original flotilla. Unfortunately, it was rotting, losing its foretopmast on July 29. The treasure captured in the Americas and stored on *Gloucester* was moved to the *Centurion*, and *Gloucester* was burned for fear that it might wash up in Guam and alert officials there that the British were in the area. The *Centurion* was now the last ship of the original flotilla. The men on board were forced to share the remaining stores. Many were in no condition to work the ship. They were dying of thirst, starving, and suffering from scurvy.

Not until Aug. 22, 1742, did they finally sight land and a cheer went up from the men on board *Centurion*. It was Anatahan. Unfortunately, the anchorage was unsatisfactory. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> they spotted Tinian. A white speck could be seen along the beach of Tinian Island. Perhaps a church? A population? An armed guard? They knew Guam was just a hundred miles south of them, and might have a Spanish warship. They would not be able to fight. If taken prisoner, they could be hung. The trip would have been for nothing.

Flying phony Spanish colors, *Centurion* approached the island on the 27<sup>th</sup>. A local canoe, a "flying proa," came skimming toward them. At about 3pm, Anson put off his cutter with a lieutenant in charge. They captured the proa, finding one Spanish sergeant and four natives on board. The Spaniard reported that they were on the annual hunting trip to Tinian. They had come on a small Spanish bark and had been busy killing wild cattle and drying the beef for the garrison in Guam. The Spaniard said Tinian had good drinking water and food—cattle, "dung hill" fowl (Micronesian Megapode), coconuts, oranges, limes, guavas, melons and breadfruit—and no one to fight. Tinian was their salvation. They anchored and established a camp where the sick could recover. On Sept. 11, sails were brought ashore to make a "stately Tent for the Commodore, and tents for several other Officers," not far from the massive latte stones of Taga House.

# The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN									
TODAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
Partly cloudy. Isolated light showers. northeast winds 15 to 20 mph.		Partly cloudy with isolated showers		Partly cloudy with isolated showers		Partly cloudy with isolated showers		Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	
88°	76°	88°	76°	88°	76°	88°	76°	88°	76°
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE									



**PICTURE TIME: 7:03 AM, TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A dry trade-wind pattern is expected to remain across the region for the next several days. A band of moderate showers is seen on the latest satellite image moving through Saipan and Tinian. These showers will continue through the area today, with only isolated light showers expected by tonight and continuing through Thursday. Only a slight increase in moisture is expected late in the week, keeping showers isolated though any rain could be a little heavier. Winds will remain moderate to fresh through at least Saturday.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

MICRONESIA			▲▼°F
Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	83° / 75°	
Palau	Partly Cloudy	85° / 77°	
Yap	Partly Cloudy	85° / 79°	
Chuuk	Showers	82° / 78°	
Pohnpei	Windy	86° / 78°	
Kosrae	Windy	86° / 78°	
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	85° / 80°	

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲▼°F
Auckland	Mostly Sunny	70° / 61°	
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	39° / 21°	
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	73° / 61°	
Honolulu	Cloudy	79° / 72°	
London	Rain	50° / 43°	
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	66° / 51°	
Manila	Partly Cloudy	90° / 75°	
Melbourne	Showers	64° / 57°	
Miami	Sunny	78° / 68°	
New York	Sunny	55° / 41°	
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	48° / 37°	
Paris	Cloudy	54° / 39°	
Busan	Cloudy	46° / 34°	
Rome	Sunny	57° / 36°	
Salem	Thunderstorms	74° / 62°	
San Francisco	Cloudy	52° / 44°	
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	37° / 19°	
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	48° / 37°	
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	62° / 48°	

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TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
4:53 AM	LOW TIDE	-0.43	
11:52 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.82	
5:50 PM	LOW TIDE	0.83	
10:39 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.56	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:46 AM	6:05 PM
Thursday	6:46 AM	6:06 PM
Friday	6:46 AM	6:06 PM
Saturday	6:46 AM	6:07 PM
Sunday	6:46 AM	6:07 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	10:23 AM	10:35 PM
Thursday	-	11:08 AM	11:32 PM
Friday	-	11:51 AM	-
Saturday	12:28 AM	12:35 PM	-
Sunday	1:24 AM	1:20 PM	-

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JANUARY 6, 2020															
DEPARTURES								ARRIVALS							
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)								GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN							
UA117	9:15am	9:55am	Daily					UA174	7:30am	8:11am	Daily				
UA156	6:20pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6					UA112	4:45pm	5:26pm	2, 4, 6				
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)								NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN							
SKY816	4:35pm	7:30pm	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7					SKY811	10:15am	3:00pm	Daily				
SKY816	5:05pm	8:00pm	6												
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)								BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN							
7C3451	3:20am	6:30am	Daily					7C3452	9:35pm	2:30am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7				
								7C3452	10:05pm	2:30am+1	3				
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)								SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN							
TW308	2:05am	6:05am	Daily					OZ623	6:45am	12:10pm	5				
OZ626	2:10am	6:05am	1					OZ623	7:00am	12:20pm	7				
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 5, 6, 7					OZ6233	7:30am	12:50pm	2, 4, 6				
OZ626	3:35am	7:20am	4					OZ623	8:10am	1:40pm	1, 3				
7C3403	4:35am	8:35am	Daily					7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily				
OZ6243	3:20pm	7:10pm	2, 4, 6					TW309	11:10am	4:25pm	Daily				
OZ624	3:50pm	7:40pm	1, 3, 5, 7					OZ625	7:30pm	1:00am+1	7				
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily					TW307	7:45pm	1:05am+1	Daily				
TW310	5:25pm	10:15pm	Daily					OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6				
								OZ625	9:05pm	2:25am+1	3				
								7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily				
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)								SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN							
3U8648	6:10am	8:50am	4, 7					3U8647	10:30pm	4:30am+1	3, 6				
SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)								HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN							
JD396	7:30am	12:05pm	1					JD395	8:05am	3:30pm	4				
JD396	4:50pm	7:55pm	4					JD395	8:50pm	5:00am+1	7				
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)								GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN							
3U8646	4:30am	7:50am	2, 6					3U864	8:10pm	3:10am+1	1, 5				
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)								BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN							
MU764	1:30am	6:00am	3, 5, 7					MU763	4:50pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6				
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)								MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN							
OZ626/701	2:10am	10:35am	1 via ICN					UA189/174	12:40am	8:11am+1	3, 6 via GUM				
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:35am	2, 3, 5, 6, 7 via ICN					OZ702/625	12:05pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN				
UA117/183	9:15am	9:50pm	Daily via GUM					OZ702/625	12:05pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via ICN				
UA117/193	9:15am	11:50pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR					OZ702/625	12:05pm	2:25am+1	3 via ICN				
UA156/183	6:20pm	9:50pm	Daily via GUM					UA192/174	10:40pm	8:11am+1	2, 5 via GUM-ROR				
UA156/193	6:20pm	11:50pm	2 via GUM-ROR					UA184/174	10:55pm	8:11am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM				
								OZ704/623	11:45pm	12:10pm+1	5 via ICN				
								OZ704/623	11:45pm	12:20pm+1	7 via ICN				
								OZ704/6233	11:45pm	12:50pm+1	2, 4, 6 via ICN				
								OZ704/623	11:45pm	1:40pm+1	1, 3 via ICN				
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)								HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN							
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN					OZ746/623	12:35am	12:10pm	5 via ICN				
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 5, 6, 7 via ICN					OZ746/623	12:35am	12:20pm	7 via ICN				
OZ626/721	3:35am	11:50am	4 via ICN					OZ746/6233	12:35am	12:50pm	2, 4, 6 via ICN				
UO43	5:40am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7					OZ746/623	12:35am	1:40pm	1, 3 via ICN				
OZ6243/9661	3:20pm	11:15pm	2, 4, 6 via ICN					OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN				
OZ624/9661	3:50pm	11:15pm	1, 3, 5 via ICN					OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN				
OZ624/9661	3:50pm	12:15am+1	7 via ICN					OZ722/625	1:15pm	2:25am+1	3 via ICN				
								UO42	6:50pm	1:45am+1	7				
								UO42	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6				

# Business

**TUMON, Guam**—Guam Sports Events, Inc., organizers of the United Airlines Guam Marathon, presented the event's beneficiaries—the Guam Police Department and the Guam Fire Department—a donation of lifesaving equipment and supplies for their continuous support of the event.

GPD and GFD have been strong supporters of UGM since its inception almost eight years ago. The donated supplies included utility belts, emergency kits, and tourniquets. In addition to the in-kind donation, to GPD and GFD, UGM also gives back to the community through a monetary donation to USO Guam.

Ben Ferguson, UGM event director, said, "UGM is proud to contribute to these great organizations, and we do this on behalf of the thousands of participants of the United Airlines Guam Marathon and its key sponsors. The donations, which include monetary and in-kind donations was made possible by the number of participants and the support of the community. We look forward to a continued partnership with GPD and GFD in hosting another safe and successful world class running event."

GPD police chief Stephen Ignacio said "The UGM event is good for Guam, because it

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Guam Police Department and the Guam Fire Department officers pose with the lifesaving equipment and safety supplies donated by Guam Sports Events, Inc., organizers of the United Airlines Guam Marathon.

helps support sports tourism. For GPD, we want to be part of ensuring the event is safe for all runners and our community. The equipment received today will be used for the Highway Patrol Division, and this upgrades our police gear that doesn't need to be spent out of pocket."

Gold sponsor GVB president and CEO Pilar Laguarda shared, during the presentation, "We are so grateful to each of the officers in uniform who have helped to make this annual event an extremely successful and safe event. From the Guam Visitors Bureau and the team involved, we are truly blessed to have your partnership. GVB will continue to do our part in promoting this event to our overseas markets. We hope through our efforts that we continue to welcome more visitors to our island for this wonderful experience and also surpass last year's registration numbers."

GPD received 14 sets of utility belts that include:



## United turns over lifesaving supplies, safety equipment

- Handcuff case
- Radio holder
- Flashlight holder
- Double magazine case
- Baton Holder

GFD received emergency kits that include:

- Tourniquet sets
- Bigeasy glo easy wedge kits
- Elite first aid tactical trauma kits
- DYNA med medic back pack first responder kits
- Maxpedition pouch for responders' supplies

"This donation is a great investment for the GFD. It promotes tremendous saving for us and will allow us to treat and provide better emergency care for the general public," said Battalion Chief Roderick Meno of GFD's Search and Rescue Operations. "Some of these kits will also help with medical illnesses, injuries and the lock out kit provides us the necessary tools to mitigate emergencies with minimal damage when children are

locked in a vehicle."

UGM is scheduled for April 5, 2020 at the Gov. Joseph Flores Memorial Park (Ypao Beach) in Tumon. Registration is ongoing for the four race distances – 5K, 10K, half marathon (13.1 miles) and marathon (26.2 miles). More than 1,400 runners have already registered for the event. Event organizers encourage runners to register online at [unitedairlinesguam-marathon.com](http://unitedairlinesguam-marathon.com).

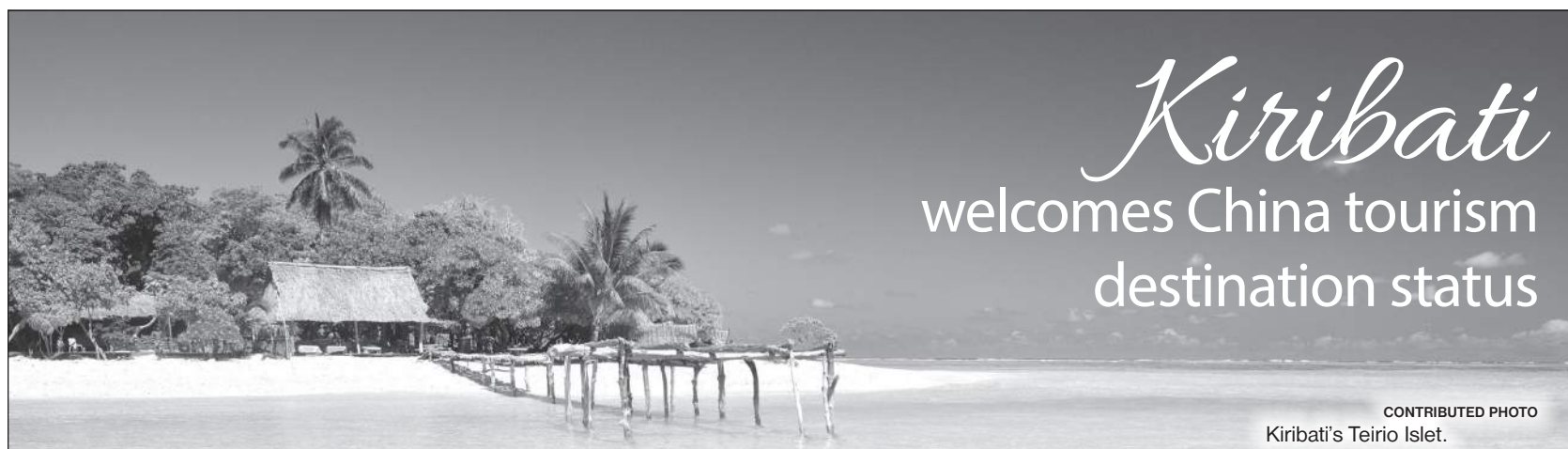
Ferguson added, "The men and women of the Guam Fire

Department and the Guam Police department are great supporters of the UGM. We count on them to ensure the safety of our runners and the community at large. We couldn't do the event without them and thank them for their significant role in the quality of life that we all enjoy on Guam."

UGM also thanks its valued sponsors: United Airlines, Guam Visitors Bureau, Pacific Islands Club, Aon Insurance, ASC Trust, Bank of Guam, DOCOMO PACIFIC, Hilton Guam Resort & Spa, Michelob Ultra, Pacific Laundry, Run Guam, Sheraton Laguna Guam Resort, South Pacific Petroleum Corporation, TakeCare, T Galleria, The Guam Daily Post, and The Stations of KUAM.

UGM, now in its eighth year, is organized by Guam Sports Events Inc., a nonprofit organization that hosts annual sports tourism events to promote Guam's Hāfa Adai spirit and attract more visitors to Guam. Considered to be Guam's premier running event, UGM includes 5K, 10K, half marathon (13.1 miles) and marathon (26.2 miles) race distances.

UGM is Guam's first International Association of Athletic Federations-approved marathon and has also been officially certified by the Association of International Marathons and Distance Races. This designation means that marathon runners may use UGM as a qualifying event for the Boston Marathon. Complete event details and registration can be found on the official event website at [unitedguammarathon.com](http://unitedguammarathon.com). UGM is proud to welcome back United Airlines as its title sponsor and Guam Visitors Bureau and Pacific Islands Club as gold sponsors of the 2020 event. The free UGM app is available for download on Google Play and the Apple Store. **(PR)**



## Kiribati welcomes China tourism destination status

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Kiribati's Teirio Islet.

The Tourism Authority of Kiribati acknowledged and welcomed the People's Republic of China's announcement declaring the Pacific island as a tourism destination for Chinese citizens.

This announcement comes following the historic state visit to China by Kiribati President Taneti Maamau.

The Approved Destination Status is the arrangement between the Chinese government and the government of Kiribati to let Chinese holiday travelers visit Kiribati in a tour group. The ADS therefore gives the TAK the permission to promote Kiribati as a holiday destination in China and presents Kiribati with the opportunity to grow tourism accordingly.

The China Outbound

Tourism market continues to enjoy year on year growth recording 63.1 million international outbound trips in 2019. Such growth is fueled by the increase in disposable personal income, waiving of visa requirements into selected countries and the growing desire by Chinese nationals to travel the world. The Chinese outbound market also spends generously, and forecasts indicate global Chinese tourism spending to exceed US\$163 Billion by 2024.

As a small Pacific island destination, TAK is optimistic that with adequate tourism infrastructure development, the Chinese visitor market can drive tourism revenue growth and create new employment opportunities for Kiribati.

TAK chief executive of-

ficer Petero Manufofau said that "growth from China market will be based on a sustainable low volume, high value holiday experience promoting the unique cultures, diverse marine life, the laid-back lifestyle in the islands and its people."

Manufofau adds that Air Kiribati's new Embraer E190 jets which are scheduled to commence international services from March 2020 will also play an important role in helping facilitate growth of its China international visitor market.

To prepare the destination for the Chinese market, TAK has commenced discussions and work on the adoption of a national China-Ready training program, tourism investment opportunities portfolio,

Chinese tour operator product training and destination marketing initiatives to raise awareness of the Kiribati in China.

The 33 islands of the Republic of Kiribati are situated in the heart of the Pacific where the equator and the international datelines meet. Kiribati is therefore the only country in the world to be positioned in all four hemispheres—northern, southern, eastern and western hemispheres.

Tarawa is home to the country's main international airport and is serviced by direct flights from Nadi, Fiji, Nauru, Funafuti, Tuvalu, Honiara, Solomon Islands, Majuro, Republic of Marshall Islands, and Brisbane, Australia.

Kiritimati or Christmas Island on the eastern side of the country is serviced by a

weekly flight from Nadi, Fiji and Honolulu, Hawaii.

Accommodation options include hotels, guesthouses, bungalows, and traditional *buias*. Tarawa (South and North) and Kiritimati host most of the accommodation whilst the outer islands feature traditional community and council run rest homes and privately-run lodges.

Friendly and peaceful Kiribati is for the traveler passionate to discover and explore new destinations; one that enjoys an off-the-beaten track experience with the yearning to be fully immersed in the island's natural beauty, culture, and its people.

For more information, email [info@kiribatitourism.gov.ki](mailto:info@kiribatitourism.gov.ki) or visit [www.kiribatitourism.gov.ki](http://www.kiribatitourism.gov.ki). **(PR)**

# Nation

## Idea to dismiss articles of impeachment cools in Senate

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senate Republicans signaled they would reject the idea of simply voting to dismiss the articles of impeachment against President Donald Trump as the House prepares to send the charges to the chamber for the historic trial.

"I think our members, generally are not interested in the motion to dismiss. They think both sides need to be heard," Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., who is part of GOP leadership, said Monday.

It will be only the third presidential impeachment trial in American history, a serious and dramatic endeavor coming amid the backdrop of a politically divided nation and the start of an election year.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi has not set the timing for the House vote that will launch the Senate action. Trump was impeached by the Democratic-led House last month on charges of abuse of power over pushing Ukraine to investigate Democratic rival Joe Biden and obstruction of Congress in the probe. Democrats said the vote could be Wednesday.

With the impeachment trial starting in a matter of days, senators are still debating the rules of the proceedings. GOP senators are conferring privately about whether to allow a motion to dismiss the charges against the president or to call additional witnesses for testimony.

Trump suggested over the weekend he might prefer sim-



In this Dec. 4, 2019, file photo, light shines on the U.S. Capitol dome in Washington. The votes are there. The rules and choreography are set, more or less.

ply dismissing the charges rather than giving legitimacy to charges from the House, which he considers a "hoax."

It was an extraordinary suggestion, but one being proposed by Trump allies with support from some GOP senators, including Majority Leader Mitch McConnell.

But it is clear McConnell does not have the votes needed from his GOP majority to do that.

One key Republican, Sen.

Susan Collins of Maine, said she too would oppose a motion to dismiss the charges.

Collins is leading an effort among some Republicans, including Sens. Mitt Romney of Utah and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, to ensure the ground rules include plans to eventually consider voting to call witnesses.

"My position is that there should be a vote on whether or not witnesses should be called," Collins said.

Romney said he wants to hear from John Bolton, the former national security adviser at the White House, who others have said raised alarms about the alternative foreign policy toward Ukraine being run led by Trump's personal lawyer Rudy Giuliani.

"I've said I'd like to hear from John Bolton," Romney told reporters Monday. "I expect that barring some kind of surprise, I'll be voting in favor of hearing from witnesses af-

ter those opening arguments."

Democrats have been pushing Republicans, who have the majority in the Senate, to consider new testimony, arguing that fresh information has emerged during Pelosi's monthlong delay in transmitting the charges.

McConnell is drafting an organizing resolution that will outline the steps ahead. Approving it will be among the first votes senators take after they are sworn as jurors by

Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts for the Court of Impeachment.

Republicans control the chamber, 53-47, and are all but certain to acquit Trump. McConnell is hesitant to call new witnesses who would prolong the trial. He prefers to model Trump's trial partly on the process used for then-President Bill Clinton's trial in 1999.

It takes just 51 votes during the impeachment trial to approve rules or call witnesses. Just four GOP senators could form a majority with Democrats to insist on new testimony. It also would take only 51 senators to vote to dismiss the charges against Trump.

Most Republicans appear willing to go along with McConnell's plan to start the trial first then consider witnesses later, rather than upfront, as Democrats want.

Collins is pushing to have at least the promise of witness votes included in the organizing resolution. She and the others appear to be gathering support.

"I've been working to make sure that we will have a process that we can take a vote on whether or not we need additional information, and yes, that would include witnesses," Murkowski told reporters.

McConnell is expected to huddle privately with senators at their weekly lunch Tuesday.

House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer told reporters the House vote might come Wednesday. "Could be," he said.



### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Suspect killed, 2 SWAT officers injured in Indiana shootout

GARY, Ind. (AP)—Police fatally shot a suspect Monday after he opened fire and injured two members of a SWAT team who stormed a Gary, Indiana, apartment complex seeking to apprehend him, authorities said. Gary Police Lt. Dawn Westerfield said the officers were shot while assisting the Merrillville Police Department with an investigation at the complex. Westerfield said the suspect targeted by the investigation barricaded himself in a residence. After two hours of negotiation, the Gary SWAT team sought to enter the residence and the suspect opened fire, striking the two officers. An officer returned fire, killing the shooter. Westerfield says Cpl. James Nielsen, a 17-year-old veteran, was shot in the chest, with the bullet deflected by his protective vest, and once in the arm. Cpl. John Artibey, a 14-year-old veteran, took shrapnel to the chin and abdomen. Both were being treated and reported in stable condition. Authorities haven't identified the dead suspect, described as a man in his 20s.

#### Third horse rescued in Kentucky where 20 others were killed

PRESTONSBURG, Ky. (AP)—A third

horse has been rescued from a strip mine site in Kentucky where 20 horses were found fatally shot. The filly was captured by Dumas Rescue on Saturday and taken to the Kentucky Humane Society, news outlets reported. The horse is believed to be the daughter of the pregnant mare and sister to the colt who was rescued in late December. In a six-day span, 20 horses were found dead along U.S. 23 near the Floyd-Pike County line in the eastern part of the state. Tonya Conn with Dumas Rescue has said that the dead horses were scattered over a large area and it appears they had been hunted. "This is very inhumane and it's a very cruel act of somebody who just apparently had nothing else to do or whatever just to go back on a strip job and shoot down horses," Floyd County Sheriff John Hunt previously said. "It looked like a battlefield for just horses."

#### Shooter at Florida zombie festival gets 30 years in prison

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP)—The man who shot several people, killing one, at a zombie-themed festival in Florida more than four years ago was sentenced on Monday to 30 years in prison. Jose Raul Bonilla, 24, was sentenced after pleading no contest to second-degree murder, aggravated battery with a firearm and

possession of a firearm by a delinquent as part of a deal with Lee County prosecutors. Zombicon was one of the most popular celebrations in southwest Florida, attracting about 20,000 people in October 2015. Investigators said the event was winding down when Bonilla began shooting into the downtown Fort Myers crowd. Expavious Tyrell Taylor, 20, died at the scene, while David Perez, Tyree Hunter, Isaiah Knight, Kyle Roberts and John Parsons were wounded.

#### Professor sues New York Times over story related to Epstein

BOSTON (AP)—A Harvard University law professor announced Monday that he is suing The New York Times for what he calls "clickbait defamation" over a story the newspaper published related to donations from financier Jeffrey Epstein. Lawrence Lessig filed the lawsuit in response to a story the Times published on Sept. 14 about his thoughts on the Massachusetts Institute of Technology receiving anonymous donations from the wealthy sex offender. In the lawsuit, Lessig's attorney says the Times published a "sensationalized, false and defamatory 'clickbait' headline and lede," USA Today reported. The story's headline reads, "A Harvard Professor Doubles

Down: If You Take Epstein's Money, Do It in Secret." The first sentence reads, "It is hard to defend soliciting donations from the convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. But Lawrence Lessig, a Harvard Law professor, has been trying." The story was based on an interview with Lessig and a Medium essay he published defending Joi Ito, the director of MIT's Media Lab, who resigned amid an uproar over the lab's ties to Epstein.

#### Off-duty detective struck by car, killed after helping woman

LOS ANGELES (AP)—An off-duty sheriff's detective was struck and killed by a car after she helped an elderly woman cross a street in Los Angeles, authorities said. The accident occurred Sunday in the Valley Village neighborhood as Detective Amber Leist was returning to her car after assisting the woman, according to Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva. Leist, 41, died at a hospital, Villanueva said. "She was an outstanding detective," he said at a press conference. "She would lead by example through her act of kindness." Leist, a 12-year veteran of the department, was assigned to the West Hollywood station. She is survived by her parents and two sons.

# Asia

## Philippine volcano spews lava, ash for 3rd day, 30,000 flee

**TAGAYTAY, Philippines (AP)**—A volcano near the Philippine capital spewed lava, ash and steam and trembled constantly Tuesday on the third day of an eruption that could portend a much bigger and dangerous eruption, officials warned as tens of thousands of people fled ash-blanketed villages in the danger zone.

The continuing restiveness of the Taal volcano after it rumbled to life Sunday indicates magma may still be rising to the crater, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology said. It raised the alert level to 4, indicating a hazardous eruption is possible in hours to days. Level 5, the highest, means such an eruption is underway.

The volcano was spurring fountains of red-hot lava 500 meters (1,640 feet) into the sky with dark-gray plumes of ash-laden steam that reached 2



Residents walk in a cloud of ash as Taal Volcano continues to spew ash on Monday Jan. 13, 2020, in Lemery, Batangas province, south of Manila, Philippines. **AP**



Source: AP  
Graphic: Staff, Tribune News Service

and part of Monday until the ashfall eased.

The government's disaster-response agency counted more than 30,400 evacuees in Batangas and nearby Cavite provinces. Officials expected the number to swell.

Government work was suspended and schools closed in a wide swath of towns and cities, including Manila, because of the health risks from the ash. The eruption has not directly caused deaths or major damage. The death of a driver in a crash on an ash-covered road was linked to slippery conditions.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Australia-bound flight lands in Honolulu with dead passenger

**HONOLULU (AP)**—An Air Canada flight bound for Australia diverted to Honolulu over the weekend because of a dead passenger. Passenger Christopher Woodgate, 38, was pronounced dead when the flight landed in Honolulu on Saturday, said Kira Paiva-Kimura, an administrative services officer for the Honolulu medical examiner's office. An autopsy will be conducted. The flight from Vancouver was headed for Brisbane, Australia, when it diverted to Honolulu because of a medical emergency, said Peter Fitzpatrick, an Air Canada spokesman. He would not provide details about what happened to the passenger. "Out of respect for the privacy of our customers, Air Canada cannot confirm the details about the medical emergency," he said in an email. The man had been sick prior to the flight, Jessica Lani Rich of the Visitor Aloha Society of Hawaii, a nonprofit that assists visitors in distress, told the Honolulu Star-Advertiser. The man was traveling with five children, his wife and another family member, Rich said. Her organization also hired a nurse to care overnight for an 11-year-old passenger traveling alone. There were 257 passengers and 13 crew members on the flight. The airline provided passengers with hotel and food vouchers. The passengers left Honolulu Sunday on a different flight, Fitzpatrick said.

#### While shuttered at home, China exploits social media abroad

**BEIJING (AP)**—China says its diplomats and government officials will fully exploit foreign social media platforms such as Facebook and Twitter that are blocked off to its own citizens. Foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang on Monday likened the government to "diplomatic agencies and diplomats of other countries" in embracing such platforms to provide "better communication with the people outside and to better introduce China's situation and policies." Facebook, Twitter and other social media platforms have tried for years without success to be allowed into the lucrative Chinese market, where Beijing has helped create politically reliable analogues such as Weichat and Weibo. Their content is carefully monitored by the companies and by government censors.

#### 3 reported killed in crash of trainer plane in China

**BEIJING (AP)**—A pilot and two students were killed Monday when their trainer aircraft crashed in the central Chinese province of Hubei, state media reported. The brief report did not give the type of aircraft but said the apparent accident occurred shortly after noon outside the Hubei city of Yichang, about 1,100 kilometers (680 miles) southwest of Beijing. The cause of the crash was not immediately known. Yichang lies on the edge of the North China Plain

and generally enjoys moderate winter temperatures. The aviation school, Yichang Aviation Academy, is a subsidiary of the vast HNA group, which has lately expanded from running Hainan Airlines into managing hotels and a range of other leisure outlets both within and without China.

#### India's ruling party lawmaker threatens to shoot protesters

**NEW DELHI (AP)**—The head of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party in the state of West Bengal has threatened to shoot and jail people who protest a new citizenship law that has triggered a month of nationwide demonstrations. Dilip Ghosh, a member of India's Parliament and the president of the BJP in West Bengal, made the comments to party members on Sunday in a district of the state that borders Bangladesh. Cabinet Union Minister Babul Supriyo distanced the BJP from Ghosh's comments, calling them "very irresponsible" on Twitter on Monday. The citizenship law provides a path to naturalization for people from Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Pakistan, unless they're Muslim. Many Indians worry the law will be used in conjunction with a National Register of Citizens that could require all Indians to produce documents proving their origins, a challenge in a country where many people lack official records including birth certificates.

kilometers (more than 1 mile) high. The massive volcanic column at times flashed with streaks of lightning.

More than 200 earthquakes have been detected in and around Taal, 81 of which were felt with varying intensities. "Such intense seismic activity probably signifies continuous magmatic intrusion beneath the Taal edifice, which may lead to further eruptive activity," the

volcanology institute said.

The picturesque volcano in the middle of a lake in Batangas province south of Manila rumbled to life Sunday in a powerful explosion that blasted a 15-kilometer (9-mile) column of ash, steam and pebbles into the sky. Clouds of volcanic ash blowing over Manila, 65 kilometers (40 miles) to the north, closed the country's main airport Sunday

## Thailand reports case of coronavirus from China

**BANGKOK (AP)**—A Chinese visitor to Thailand has been confirmed to be infected with a new strain of coronavirus that has been linked to a pneumonia outbreak in central China, health officials said Monday.

The U.N.'s World Health Organization said Thai officials have reported that a traveler from the Chinese city of Wuhan has been hospitalized in Thailand with the virus.

The outbreak of the virus has been traced to Wuhan, where it affected several dozen people who had been to a major meat and seafood market.

Thai Public Health Minister Anutin Charnvirakul said it appears to be the first confirmed case of the virus found outside China, the Bangkok Post newspaper and other Thai media reported.

He identified the infected tourist as a 61-year-old woman whose symptoms were detected on arrival at Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi Airport last Wednesday. Her coronavirus was confirmed Sunday by a laboratory test, Anutin said.

She has been treated at an

isolation ward at a state health facility outside of Bangkok, and no longer has any fever or respiratory symptoms, he said.

Eight other people with possible symptoms have also been held at the facility, he said, but none has been confirmed to have the virus.

A statement issued Monday by the Geneva-based World Health Organization said it is working with officials in Thailand and China following the report of the confirmed case outside China. The agency says its director-general is consulting with the agency's emergency committee, which generally decides whether viral outbreaks merit an expanded response from health authorities.

"The possibility of cases being identified in other countries was not unexpected, and reinforces why WHO calls for ongoing active monitoring and preparedness in other countries," the agency said. "WHO reiterates that it is essential that investigations continue in China to identify the source of this outbreak and any animal reservoirs or inter-

mediate hosts."

The virus is not believed to be spread by human-to-human contact.

Officials in Wuhan said over the weekend that a total of 41 people were suffering from pneumonia caused by the new coronavirus and a 61-year-old man had died—China's first known death from the virus.

China says the cause of the Wuhan outbreak remains unknown but has sought to play down speculation that it could be a reappearance of the SARS epidemic, which killed hundreds in 2002 and 2003.

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses, some of which cause the common cold. Others found in bats, camels and other animals have evolved to cause more severe illnesses.

Common symptoms include a runny nose, headache, cough and fever. Shortness of breath, chills and body aches are associated with more dangerous kinds of coronaviruses, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

# World

## Anger in Iran over jet's downing; gunfire disperses protests

**DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)**—Popular anger swelled Monday in Iran over the accidental shootdown of a Ukrainian jetliner and the government's attempt to conceal its role in the tragedy, as online videos appeared to show security forces firing live ammunition and tear gas to disperse protests in the streets.

Iranians, already suffering under crippling U.S. sanctions, expressed shock and outrage over the plane crash that killed scores of young people. They also decried the misleading statements from top officials, who only admitted responsibility three days later in the face of mounting evidence.

The country began last week engulfed in mourning after a U.S. drone strike killed Gen. Qassem Soleimani, who led Iran's regional military interventions. Then on Jan. 8, it responded with a ballistic missile attack on two bases housing U.S. troops in Iraq, although there were no casualties. Hours after that barrage, as it braced for a U.S. counter-attack that never came, Iranian forces accidentally shot down the Ukraine International Airlines jetliner, killing all 176 people aboard shortly after it



**AP**  
In this photograph taken Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020, a protester confronts an Iranian police officer while demonstrators gather in front of Amir Kabir University in Tehran, Iran, to remember victims of a Ukrainian airplane shot down by an Iranian missile.



cough and sputter while trying to escape the fumes, with one woman calling out in Farsi: "They fired tear gas at people! Azadi Square! Death to the dictator!"

Another video shows a woman being carried away in the aftermath of the violence, a trail of blood visible on the ground. Those around her cry out that she has been shot in the leg.

"Oh my God, she's bleeding nonstop!" one person shouts. Another shouts: "Bandage it!"

Photos and video after the incident show pools of blood

took off from Tehran for Kyiv.

For a growing number of critics—from ordinary citizens to notable athletes and artists—the events have revealed a government that is incapable of following through on its incendiary rhetoric and willing to mislead its own people about a national tragedy in order to avoid embarrassment.

Those sentiments first boiled over late Saturday, shortly after the Revolutionary Guard admitted shooting the plane down by mistake. A candlelight vigil at a university rapidly turned into an anti-

government demonstration.

"They are lying that our enemy is America! Our enemy is right here!" students shouted.

On Sunday night, protesters massed in Tehran's Azadi, or Freedom, Square.

Videos sent to the New York-based Center for Hu-

man Rights in Iran and later verified by The Associated Press show a crowd of demonstrators near Azadi Square fleeing as a tear gas canister lands among them. People

## High-gear diplomacy aims to avert US, Iran conflict

**DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)**—A flurry of diplomatic visits and meetings crisscrossing the Persian Gulf have driven urgent efforts in recent days to defuse the possibility of all-out war after the U.S. killed Iran's top military commander.

Global leaders and top diplomats are repeating the mantra of "de-escalation" and "dialogue," yet none have publicly laid out a path to achieving either.

The United States and Iran

have said they do not want war, but fears have grown that the crisis could spin out of Tehran's or Washington's control. Tensions have careened from one crisis to another since President Donald Trump withdrew the U.S. from Iran's nuclear deal with world powers.

The U.S. drone strike that killed Revolutionary Guard Gen. Qassem Soleimani and a senior Iraqi militia leader in Baghdad on Jan. 3 was seen as a major provocation.

The killing alarmed even

Washington's allies in the Gulf, with Saudi Arabia dispatching Deputy Defense Minister Prince Khalid bin Salman to Washington right after with a message to de-escalate.

Iran retaliated days later, firing a barrage of missiles at two military bases in Iraq where U.S. troops are stationed. No casualties were reported in that attack and Iranian commanders say their intention was not to kill. Amid the confusion and fears of U.S. retaliation, Iran acknowledged

it had unintentionally shot down a Ukrainian passenger jet after takeoff from the Iranian capital, Tehran, killing all 176 people on board.

In Iran on Sunday, Qatar's Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani said that it was "a very sensitive time for the region."

"The only solution to these crises is first de-escalation from all, and dialogue is the only solution to these crises," he said during a joint press appearance with Iranian President Hassan Rouhani.

## Head of ex-leaders: US killing made Mideast more 'volatile'

**UNITED NATIONS (AP)**—Former Irish president Mary Robinson, who heads the group of prominent former leaders founded by Nelson Mandela, says the U.S. assassination of Iran's top general has made the Middle East more "volatile" and "unstable."

She said in a recent interview that the group, known as The Elders, believes the U.S. airstrike that killed Gen. Qassem Soleimani "was not authorized" because "there does not seem to have been the basis under international law for the strike to take place."

"We are glad that the measured response by Iran has for

the moment cooled things," Robinson said.

But she said the situation in the region is more volatile, not safer, pointing to the vote in Iraq's parliament to withdraw U.S. troops which "has put them in a more precarious situation ... so there's heightened tension there." She also pointed to Soleimani's supporters who saw him as "a great hero, and the worry is they may want to take their own little revenge."

What's needed, Robinson said, is cooperation as the world seeks to address "the alarming escalation of tensions in the Middle East."

She told the U.N. Security

Council last Thursday it was "highly regrettable" that the Trump administration prevented Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif from addressing its members that day on "Upholding The U.N. Charter," saying "it is precisely in times such as these that we need to hear the voices of all concerned."

Last month, The Elders put out a statement saying "the multilateral system is under unprecedented attack."

"Isolationists and arbitrary actions by leading powers, including the United States, are threatening to undermine critical efforts to tackle global challenges from nuclear disarmament and nonpro-

liferation to climate change and the regulation of international trade," the group said.

Robinson said in the interview last Friday that a number of countries are involved in undermining multilateralism, and "sadly the United States is a big culprit."

She cited a series of steps the Trump administration has taken including abandoning the 2015 nuclear deal with Iran, leaving the U.N. Human Rights Council, and refusing to appoint judges to the World Trade Organization's appeal mechanism which has made the WTO "much less effective" in dealing with disputes.

## US troops in Iraq got warning hours before Iranian attack

**AIN AL-ASAD AIR BASE, Iraq (AP)**—American troops were informed of an impending missile barrage hours before their air base in Iraq was struck by Iran, U.S. military officials said Monday, days after the attack that marked a major escalation between the longtime foes.

At 11 p.m. on Jan. 7, U.S. Lt. Col. Antoinette Chase gave the order for American troops at Ain al-Asad air base in western Iraq, to go on lockdown. Military movements froze as her team, responsible for emergency response at the base, sent out alerts about the threat. At 11:30 p.m., she gave the order to take cover in bunkers.

The first strike landed sometime after 1:35 a.m. on Jan. 8 and the barrage continued for nearly two hours. Half way through the attack, Chase learned the missiles were being launched from Iran.

No American soldiers were killed or wounded, the U.S. has said, although several troops were treated for concussions from the blast and are being assessed, said Col. Myles Caggins, a

spokesman at the base for the U.S. coalition fighting the Islamic State group.

"The reason why we pushed it at 2330 is because at that point in time all indications pointed to something coming," she told reporters touring the base. "Worst case scenario—we were told was it's probably going to be a missile attack. So we were informed of that."

The Iranian attack was in retaliation for the U.S. drone strike near Baghdad airport that killed top Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani on Jan. 3.

An Associated Press crew touring the Ain al-Asad base saw large craters and damaged military trailers. Forklifts lifted rubble and loaded it onto trucks from an area the size of a football stadium. U.S. soldiers inspected portable housing units destroyed in the attack.

The sprawling complex in western Anbar province is about 180 kilometers (110 miles) west of Baghdad and is shared with the Iraqi military. It houses about 1,500 members of the U.S. military and the U.S.-led coalition fighting the Islamic State militant group.

# Focus

## For decades Iranians have risen up, only to be put down

**DUBAI, United Arab Emirates** (AP)—The demonstrations that erupted after Iran admitted to accidentally shooting down a passenger plane during a tense standoff with the United States last week are the latest of several waves of protest going back to the 1979 Islamic Revolution—all of which have been violently suppressed.

Iranians were shocked and appalled by the shootdown of the Ukrainian jetliner, which killed all 176 people on board, mostly Iranians. Many are also angry at the government's misleading statements in the wake of the tragedy, which it initially blamed on a technical problem.

Iranians are also suffering from an economic crisis exacerbated by severe sanctions imposed by President Donald Trump after he withdrew the U.S. from Iran's 2015 nuclear deal with world powers.

Trump has encouraged the protests—even as he has long embraced other autocrats who smother dissent. His administration hopes that the demonstrations, along with crippling U.S. sanctions, will bring about fundamental change in a longtime adversary.

But large numbers of Iranians still support the clerically led government, as seen by the massive turnout for the funeral of Gen. Qassem Soleimani, Iran's top general, who was killed in a U.S. airstrike in Baghdad. Even many critics of the government saw him as a war hero who had helped defeat the Islamic State group and resisted Western hegemony in the Middle East.

Iran's security forces have shown in the past that they will use deadly force against anyone threatening the Islamic Republic, most recently in November, when rights groups say hundreds of people were killed in demonstrations sparked by a hike in gasoline prices.

Here is a look at past protests in Iran, and how its theocracy prevailed.

### THE ISLAMIC REVOLUTION

The 1979 Islamic Revolution began with broad-based mass protests that eventually forced the Western-backed monarchy from power. But in the resulting chaos, hard-line followers of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini quickly moved to sideline left-wing and moderate opposition groups, forcing many Iranians into prison or exile and establishing a firm foundation for clerical rule. Iran also suppressed a rebellion from among its Kurdish minority in a yearslong military campaign. In 1988, at the close of the disastrous Iran-Iraq war, Iran is believed to have executed thousands of political prisoners, something authorities have yet to publicly acknowledge.

### A STUDENT UPRISING

The closure of a reformist newspaper in 1999 ignited a week of student protests. On July 9, security forces and hard-line vigilantes stormed a student dormitory at Tehran University. At least three people were killed and 1,200 were arrested in the unrest, which spread to other cities. The protests unfolded amid a power struggle between President Mohammad

Khatami, a popular reformist, and hard-liners who dominate the Revolutionary Guard and the security apparatus. The hard-liners eventually prevailed, and the resulting crackdown set back reform efforts for a decade.

### THE GREEN MOVEMENT

The largest and most sustained protests since the Islamic Revolution erupted in the summer of 2009, after the reformist opposition disputed the re-election of hard-line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. Millions of Iranians took part in months of protests in several major cities. Green Movement leaders did not call for the overthrow of the system, but for the reversal of the allegedly rigged election, greater social freedoms and the reining in of the security forces.

Authorities nevertheless responded with a massive crackdown. The Revolutionary Guard and its volunteer force, the Basij militia, opened fire on protesters and launched a wave of arrests. Opposition leaders were placed under house arrest and silenced in the largely state-run media.

Among those killed was Neda Agha Soltan, a 27-year-old woman who became an icon of the protest movement after she was shot and bled to death in a video seen by millions on social media.

President Barack Obama came under criticism for not offering a full-throated endorsement of the protests. But it's unclear if that would have made a difference, and it might have fed into hard-liners' allegations that the protests were part of a Western plot.

### ECONOMIC PROTESTS

Since withdrawing from the 2015 nuclear agreement between Iran and world powers, Trump has imposed "maximum" sanctions on Iran that he says are aimed at countering its nuclear program and its support for armed groups across the region. The sanctions, including those targeting the vital oil industry, have eviscerated Iran's economy, wiping away many people's life savings and fueling high unemployment.

In the 18 months since the U.S. began restoring sanctions, Iran has seen waves of sporadic, leaderless protests initially focused on economic grievances and perceived corruption among the clerical elite and the Revolutionary Guard. Each time, the protests rapidly escalated into chants against Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and calls for the end of clerical rule.

The protests have often turned violent and security forces have responded with deadly force. In the most recent and deadly wave of protests, in November, authorities shut down the internet for several days, making it difficult to discern the scale of the protests and the resulting crackdown.

Amnesty International estimates that more than 300 people were killed.



In this photograph taken Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020, Iranian police officers take position while protesters gather in front of Amir Kabir University in Tehran, Iran, to remember victims of a Ukrainian airplane shot down by an Iranian missile. AP



In this June 15, 2009 file photo, hundreds of thousands of supporters of leading opposition presidential candidate Mir Hossein Mousavi, who claims there was voting fraud in Friday's election, turn out to protest the result of the election at a mass rally in Azadi (Freedom) square in Tehran, Iran. AP



In this July 12, 1999 file photo, an unidentified student at a rally in Tehran, Iran, holds up the bloody t-shirt of a friend who was injured sometime in the last few days during clashes between police and student demonstrators. AP

# Good Housekeeping



(DREAMSTIME/TNS)

Get over the stigma of frozen vegetables, says Ben Mims.

## Our cooks' tips for healthier eating in the new year

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LOS ANGELES TIMES

What “healthy” means to each of us is very different—and is what we often discuss when developing recipes for, or talking about, eating to feel good.

More often than not the meals we manage are a hodgepodge of random bits of leftovers from recipe testing, foraged edible bric-a-brac from people bringing food into the offices, or completely absent because we’re too busy to stop and do what we write about every week: eat.

Recognizing the gulf between the aspiration to eat well and the reality of daily life, we’re sharing a few of the course corrections we’re hoping to effect for ourselves in 2020. Eating better means feeling better, we all know that, so here are our prescriptions to ourselves for the new year:

### BEN’S TIPS

#### Get over the stigma of frozen vegetables

I get it: We live in Southern California and the produce is unmatched. I go to the farmers market every weekend.

But there still manages to be a couple of days I haven’t planned for when I’m desperate for something green and the cupboard is barren (or wilted). That’s where frozen vegetables come in. Not those depressing kaleidoscopic “medleys.” I mean a bag of broccoli, green beans or peas (Jacques Pepin cosigns!) that I can steam, sauté or roast instead of reaching for a takeout menu. With a bowl of warm rice, they’re a meal.

#### Aim for a “healthy” breakfast at least three days a week

Knowing I should eat better and actually doing it are two separate things. I try to outsmart myself and eat a healthy-for-me breakfast at least three days a week—a small bowl of cashew yogurt with granola and a big dollop of jam; wilted spinach scrambled with an egg; good whole-grain toast with a banana and almond butter. Ideally, starting my morning this way will influence the rest of my day’s meals, but I know at least I got my nutrition in first thing and

if I eat not so well the rest of the day, I won’t beat myself up over it.

#### There’s no shame in shakes

I often find myself too busy for lunch, whether I’m deep in the zone writing or have just finished a morning of driving all over L.A. for groceries and I want to start cooking and not make extra dishes. In those situations I go for a shake—even, yes, easy-to-hate-on Soylent or green shakes from Moon Juice. Shakes are also my secret for staying sated when I have an early flight, photo shoot or TV appearance that throws a wrench in my usual morning routine.

#### Keep nuts on hand everywhere, all the time

I’m one of those people who find themselves suddenly famished, and that’s why I started keep mixed nuts everywhere: my kitchen cabinet, my car’s center console, in my desk at work. A couple handfuls is all I need to stabilize my blood sugar levels and ward off any insane rationalizations that I need seven cookies as my

“snack” right now.

#### Just drink water

Drinking water helps you feel full, staving off hunger pangs that strike out of nowhere. The rule of drinking a full glass of water before a meal really works—it makes you eat less because you’re putting something in your stomach and, if you’re imbibing, helps dilute the alcohol to ward off hangovers. Staying hydrated means you’ll feel better overall, and hopefully that will carry over into helping you make better decisions about what to eat for the rest of the day.

### GENEVIEVE’S TIPS

#### Rule No. 1: There are no rules

Trying to eat healthy can be a real mind game. If I tell myself I can’t have any doughnuts, I will devour a dozen and then some. If your head works like mine, don’t label anything as totally off-limits. You already know what’s better for you—whole ingredients, especially plants, and not processed stuff—so eat more real food.

### KITCHEN MAGIC

## Quick & Easy Pork BBQ

We used ready-made shredded barbecued pork, sold in tubs in the meat department, for the base and added beans and fresh tomatoes for extra flavor and fiber. Serve with coleslaw and store-bought corn bread.

29g protein.

### Basil, Mozzarella and Tomato Pizza for One

1/2 package (8 ounce) Italian bread shells

1 plum tomato, very thinly sliced

1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

2 tablespoons fresh basil, chopped

2 tablespoons sliced pitted ripe olives

1/8 teaspoon cracked black pepper

Heat oven to 450 F. Place one 4-ounce Italian bread shell on ungreased cookie sheet. Arrange plum tomato slices over bread; sprinkle with shredded mozzarella cheese. Top with chopped fresh basil, sliced olives and black pepper. Bake 10 minutes or until cheese is melted.

Each serving: About 510 calories, 14g total fat, 44mg cholesterol, 1,005mg sodium. For thousands of triple-tested recipes, visit our Web site at [www.goodhousekeeping.com/food-recipes/](http://www.goodhousekeeping.com/food-recipes/). (Hearst Communications, Inc.)

Doughnuts are OK—as is everything—eaten in moderation.

### Be a junk food snob

Cold soggy fries? Hard pass. Crisp shoestrings with just the right smattering of salt? Yes, please. If you’re choosing to eat, make or buy something indulgent, make sure it’s perfect. Peanut butter cups are my No. 1 chocolate, but I’m not tempted by a smushed Reese’s Christmas tree leftover. I want the classic flat round with a top as smooth as a freshly Zambonied ice rink and sharp-ridged edges. Does that make me a candy snob? Maybe. But if you’re eating what you want, make sure it’s exactly what you want.

### Make big batches of good stuff you can snack on anytime

It’s hard to find time every day to execute full meals, so when I have extra hours, I make big batches of dishes that keep well and taste great anytime. Some favorites include whole grains flavorful enough to eat on their own (or to serve as a grain bowl base); roasted root vegetables; well-dressed cooked vegetables that won’t

wilt such as green beans or kale; from-scratch dips, such as artichoke-spinach or hummus; boiled jammy eggs; and dressings to toss with salad whenever.

### Amp flavor and texture

Bland, mono-textured meals will leave you unsatisfied even if your stomach is filled. Whatever you’re cooking, be sure to season it well and taste it throughout the process. Beyond salting for seasoning, you should add a hit of acid such as fresh lemon juice and heat such as sliced, fresh chiles to make it bright and exciting; and use enough fat for it to feel rich. A final drizzle of olive oil over most dishes always helps. Umami is key in boosting flavor. It delivers the savory yum you enjoy in processed snacks but comes in natural forms such as Parmesan cheese, tomatoes, mushrooms, meat and sauces such as soy, fish sauce and Worcestershire. On top of all that flavor, build texture with crunch, such as tossing cut, crisp vegetables into the tender greens of a salad, scattering nuts over soft, steamed sweet potatoes, or showering scrambled eggs with toasted bread crumbs.

# Life & Style

## Gigi Hadid among potential jurors for Weinstein's rape trial

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Super-model Gigi Hadid is in the running to be a juror in Harvey Weinstein's New York City rape trial after telling a judge Monday that she thinks she'd be able to "keep an open mind on the facts."

Hadid, who lives in Manhattan and studied criminal psychology at The New School, was among 35 potential jurors asked to return to court Thursday for additional questioning.

She's the latest in a long list of celebrities to have reported for jury duty in the city over the years.

So far, more than 140 people have been invited back for a second round of questioning, but some of them could still be eliminated based on how they've answered written questionnaires.

Sitting in the same courtroom as Weinstein, Hadid disclosed that she has met the disgraced movie mogul and actress Salma Hayek, a potential witness, but that she could remain impartial.



Model Gigi Hadid leaves New York Criminal Court on Monday, January 13, 2020. Hadid, who lives in Manhattan, is a potential juror in Harvey Weinstein's rape trial. **AP**

Having a celebrity juror would add certain intrigue to Weinstein's case, which stemmed in part from allegations he used his power as an Oscar-winning film producer to get close to aspiring actresses, models and other women before violating them.

But celebrity jurors can also be a big distraction.

When Madonna reported for jury duty in Manhattan in 2014, court officials not wanting a ruckus allowed her to wait in a clerk's office instead with the masses. She was dismissed within a few hours.

Rudolph Giuliani was picked as the foreman of a civil jury while he was New York City's mayor in 1999. The panel ruled against a plaintiff who claimed he was seriously scalded in the shower by a blast of hot water. That man's lawyer later said that Giuliani's presence was detrimental to his case.

## Queen agrees to let Harry, Meghan move part time to Canada

**SANDRINGHAM, England (AP)**—Britain's pragmatic queen brokered a deal Monday to secure the future of the monarchy, charting a course for Prince Harry and his wife, Meghan, that allows them to live part time in Canada while still remaining firmly tied to the House of Windsor.

The decision followed a summit at Queen Elizabeth II's Sandringham estate in eastern England that sought to resolve the conundrum of what to do with royals who only want the job part time. The British monarch said in a statement that the summit of senior royals was "constructive," and that it had been "agreed that there will be a period of transition" to sort things out during which Meghan and Harry will spend time in both Canada and the U.K.

"My family and I are entirely supportive of Harry and Meghan's desire to create a new life as a young family," the queen said in a statement that offered a demonstrably soft tone. "Although we would have preferred them to remain full-time working members of the Royal Family, we respect and understand their wish to live a more independent life as a family while remaining a valued part of my family."

Royal statements are usually sticklers for protocol, but the queen referred to "my grandson and his family" and "Harry and Meghan" rather than using the couple's formal title, Duke and Duchess of Sussex.

The summit marked the first face-to-face talks with Harry since he and Meghan unveiled their controversial wish last

part of the latest pool of 120 potential jurors summoned for the case as jury selection continued into a second week.

Hadid's presence added

week to step back from their royal roles, become financially independent and split their time between Britain and North America. The meeting reflected the queen's desire to contain the fallout from the independence announcement, which prompted hurt feelings among senior family members not told in advance of the decision.

But by midday Monday, the House of Windsor showed signs of pulling together. Princes William and Harry issued a joint statement slamming a newspaper report describing a severe strain in their relationship, calling the story offensive and potentially harmful.

Though the statement did not name the newspaper, the Times of London has a front page story about the crisis in which a source alleged that Harry and Meghan had been pushed away by the "bullying attitude" from William. The joint statement insisted that the story was "false."

"For brothers who care so deeply about the issues surrounding mental health, the use of inflammatory language in this way is offensive and potentially harmful," the statement said.

The queen said after Monday's meeting that these were "complex matters for my family to resolve, and there is some more work to be done, but I have asked for final decisions to be reached in the coming days."



In this Tuesday, June 26, 2018 file photo, Britain's Queen Elizabeth, Prince Harry and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex pose for a group photo at the Queen's Young Leaders Awards Ceremony at Buckingham Palace in London. **AP**

flair to what has been a tedious jury selection process.

Hadid, who has more than 51 million Instagram followers, was mobbed by photographers as she left the courthouse and left in a black SUV.

"I'm not allowed to talk about jury duty," she said. "I'm sorry."


Weinstein, 67, is accused of raping a woman in a Manhattan hotel room in 2013 and sexually assaulting another in 2006.

The former studio boss behind such Oscar winners as "Pulp Fiction" and "Shakespeare in Love" has said any sexual activity was consensual.

IN LOVING MEMORY

## Manasses Sablan Borja

Born On: January 01, 1951 — Died On: January 10, 2020



**In his new life, he now joins his:**


**Parents:** † Felix Flores Borja  
† Tomas Sablan Borja

**Brothers:** † Efrain Sablan Borja  
† Gregorio Sablan Borja  
† Domingo Sablan Borja

**He will forever live in the hearts of his:**

**Wife:** Corazon Buenpacifico Borja

**Brothers & Sister & In-laws:**  
† Gregorio & Sharon Borja (Children & Grandchildren)  
Emiliana B. & Bill Gnacke (Children & Grandchildren)  
Berno & Rosalyn Borja (Children & Grandchildren)  
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# #DirectorsSoMale

## Oscar nominations slammed for lack of diversity

By JOCELYN NOVECK  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Actress Issa Rae was ready with her quip, as if she had predicted the Oscar nominations that were announced Monday. “Congratulations to those men,” she said dryly, as the best director nominees—yes, five men—were announced.

Rae’s expertly thrown shade echoed through social media as observers took stock of what was, yet again, a pretty bad day for diversity and inclusion in Hollywood. Not only were there no female nominees in directing for the 87th time in Oscar history—a direct snub to Greta Gerwig, director of the acclaimed “Little Women,” as well as several other worthy candidates. There was also only one person of color, Cynthia Erivo, among the 20 acting nominees.

Those slights overshadowed the happier news that across all categories, a record 62 women (about a third of nominees) were nominated.

They also had people asking: Why is this happening again, when diversity has been on the front burner for years now, and the Academy has taken steps to overhaul its overwhelmingly white, male membership? And what will it take to accomplish real change?

“So here we are again,” said Stacy L. Smith, director of the USC Annenberg Inclusion Initiative at the University of Southern California, of the nominations. She said the results were particularly frustrating because 2019 was a breakout year for female directors.

“They were out in strong numbers. This was the year of the highest percentage of female directors that we’ve seen,” she said. “And yet they’re not allowed to be lauded by these cultural institutions for their directing prowess.”

There’s a “complete disconnect,” Smith added, “between objective criteria of merit and what we are seeing in the nominations for directing at the Academy Awards.”

In terms of race and ethnicity, there was disappointment that only Erivo’s nomination for “Harriet” prevented an entirely white slate in all four categories—a scenario that first happened in 2015, resulting in the #OscarsSoWhite hashtag, and again in 2016.

The Academy sought thereafter to diversify its ranks. Since 2015, the group’s overall female membership has grown from 25% to 32%, and overall membership of people of color has doubled, from 8% to 16%.

Erivo, a double nominee for both best actress and best original song, said in an interview from Japan that she hoped this year would be a “stepping stone to opening the doors” to honoring the work of a more diverse group of artists. She paid special tribute to “so much good work specifically by women” like Gerwig and other female directors who were overlooked.

Gil Robertson, president of the African

American Film Critics Association, said he wished the acting nominations had been more diverse, but he felt hopeful they were more of a blip than a slide backwards. “I think we’re making strides in the right direction,” he said.

Among the most glaring snubs was that of Jennifer Lopez, who had been seen as a virtual shoo-in for a supporting actress nod for playing a stripper in “Hustlers.” In the lead actress category, Awkwafina, who a week ago won a Golden Globe, was denied a nod for her role in “The Farewell.” She would have become just the second Asian American nominated for best actress (the first, 1936 nominee Merle Oberon, hid her South Asian heritage).

The omission was a reflection of the difficulty Asian Americans in Hollywood have long had in cracking the acting categories in particular.

“It’s been a long, slow battle,” said Chris Tashima, an actor-director and a member of the Academy Asians Action Committee, an informal group of Asian and Pacific Islander members of the Academy. “We’ve been very much absent. We’ve been trying to create opportunities for years. But you can’t even get nominated if you don’t get the roles.”

Tashima added, though, that progress is happening, albeit slowly—with television leading the way in terms of new opportunities. “It’s night and day from five years ago,” he said.

Smith said that for women directors, the key problem is an outmoded view that some Academy members have of what a leader is—a very masculine view.

“What needs to change is that stereotypical view of WHO can lead,” Smith said. “And until that changes, this is going to keep happening.”

She added: “Research globally suggests that when people think ‘manager,’ they think male. We found the exact same thing with directors. ... The research is very clear. Women aren’t being considered for top leadership positions, and when they are, they are often criticized more sharply. We’re seeing that playing out right now in the awards process.”

At Time’s Up, the Hollywood-based organization devoted to fighting sexual harassment and sexual assault, Chief Operating Officer Rebecca Goldman pledged to work for change.

“This is why TIME’S UP exists—to ensure women in entertainment and across industries get the opportunities and recognition they deserve,” she said. “And we won’t stop fighting until they do.”

AP  
This image released by Fox Searchlight Pictures shows Writer/Director Taika Waititi on the set of “Jojo Rabbit.”



# Arizona store gives 'Star Wars' record back to Mark Hamill

**FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP)**—The Force was strong enough at an Arizona store to reunite Luke Skywalker with his long-lost vinyl record.

Actor Mark Hamill is praising workers at Bookmans Entertainment Exchange in Flagstaff for returning the "Star Wars: A New Hope" soundtrack that had been a gift from film composer John Williams.

Hamill said in a tweet Sat-

urday that it felt "totally unexpected & positively surreal" to get back the record he hadn't seen since the early 1990s. He commended the store about 145 miles (233 kilometers) north of Phoenix for being honest and not selling it.

"I happily offered to sign any ("Star Wars") items they sent me," the actor wrote.

Williams had written on the vinyl's sleeve: "Dear Mark Hamill, May the force always

be with us."

The record was one of numerous "Star Wars" items brought in by a woman after her father's death in 2018, the Arizona Daily Sun reported.

Employees at the Arizona-based chain that sells used books, movies and CDs tried to verify the signature.

Micheil Salmons, the store's general manager, said

they eventually tried reaching out to Hamill via social media. The actor confirmed it was genuine, and the vinyl was sent back to him.

Salmons said Hamill signed

a DVD of "Star Wars: A New Hope" and two medals that are replicas of those given to his character and Han Solo, played by Harrison Ford, in the film.

## Panelist Abby Huntsman says she's leaving 'The View'

**NEW YORK**

**(AP)**—Abby Huntsman, a panelist on ABC's daytime talk show "The View," said Monday she's leaving to help run her father's campaign for governor of Utah and spend more time with her family.

Huntsman joined the show in September 2018 and her departure will leave Meghan McCain as the show's only real conservative voice.

While "The View" features celebrity guests, it is becoming best known for its fiery political talk and is an important stop



Huntsman

for presidential candidates looking to reach an audience dominated by women.

Jon Huntsman announced in November that he would be seeking a third term as Utah governor, although he hasn't

done that job for a decade. He's spent time as U.S. ambassador to Russia in the interim. He asked his daughter to be a senior adviser to the campaign.

"I told my dad, if 'The View' taught me anything, it taught me how to fight," Huntsman said.

Her last day will be Friday.

## Rachel Bloom to work in front, behind camera in Pop TV pilot

**PASADENA, Calif.**

**(AP)**—Pop TV has ordered a comedy pilot focused on the most irresponsible and lazy person getting impregnated by immaculate conception.

"Mother Mary" co-stars Rachel



Bloom

Bloom, who won a Golden Globe for "Crazy Ex-Girlfriend," which ended last spring after four seasons. She plays the mother of the

Antichrist.

Bloom also serves as an executive producer along with her husband, Dan Gregor, who is a writer on the pilot. The couple is expecting their first child.

Betsy Sodaro, who developed the character, stars as a reimagined version of Mary in the pilot that will shoot in February. Sodaro also works as a writer and an executive producer.

## Sophia Macy moves on from college scandal to 'Twilight Zone'

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Sophia Macy is entering "The Twilight Zone." The elder daughter of Felicity Huffman and William H. Macy will appear in an episode of Jordan Peele's anthology series.

The 19-year-old Macy will star in an episode titled "Among the Untrodden," according to an announcement on season two casting for the CBS All Access series. Her co-star is another young

actress, Abbie Hern, and the streaming service referred to the episode as "introducing" them. No story details or release date were provided.

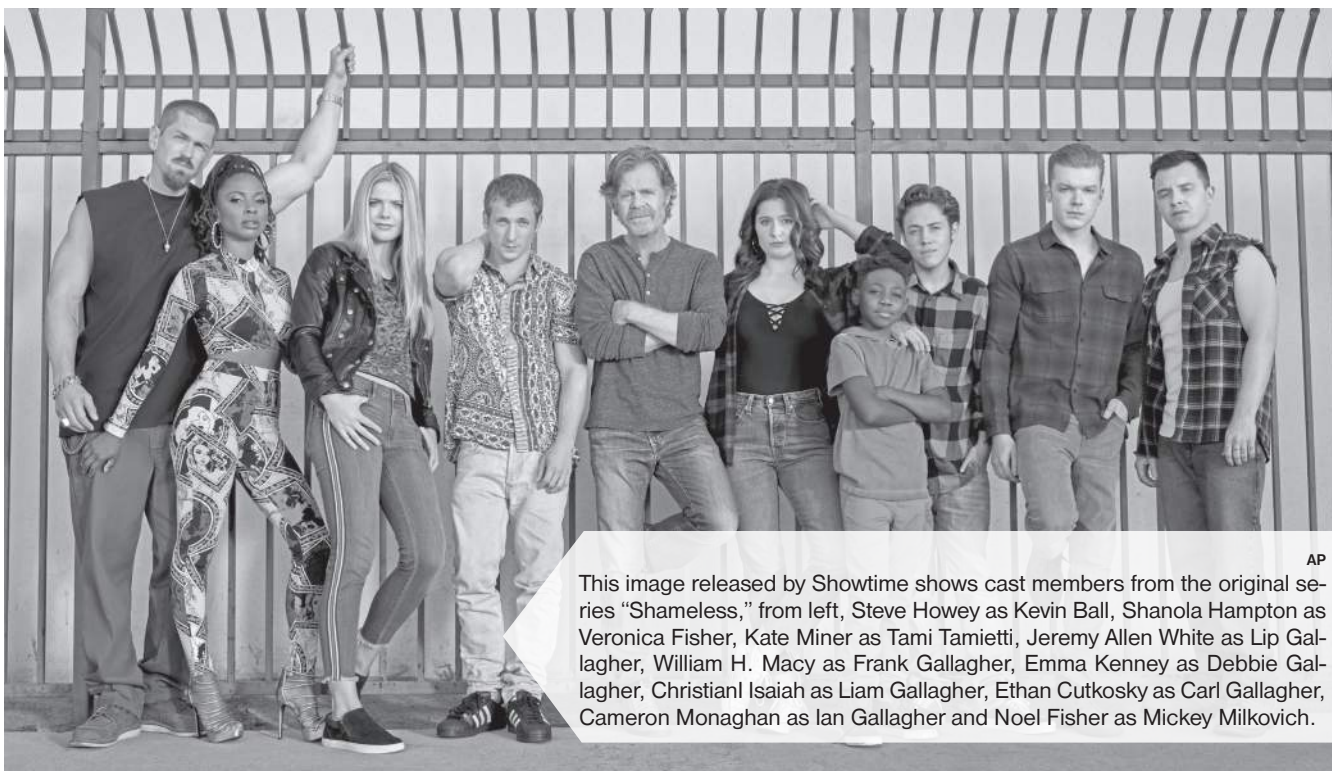
Sophia Macy was at the center of her mother's involvement in the college admissions scandal. "Desperate Housewives" star Huffman was sentenced to two weeks in prison for paying \$15,000 to have a test proctor correct her daughter's SAT answers.

In a letter last fall seeking leniency from the court, Huffman said she engaged in the scheme after her daughter's dreams of going to college and pursuing an acting career were jeopardized by her low math score. Sophia Macy was unaware of her mother's actions and confronted her after it emerged, saying, "Why didn't you believe in me?" Huffman said in her letter.

Authorities said Macy got a bump of 400 points from her earlier score on the PSAT, a practice version of the SAT. Prosecutors have not said which colleges her daughter applied to with the fraudulent SAT score. Huffman's husband, who stars in the series "Shameless," was not charged.

Huffman and Macy have another daughter, Georgia, who is 17.

## Showtime says 'Shameless' will air final season this summer



This image released by Showtime shows cast members from the original series "Shameless," from left, Steve Howey as Kevin Ball, Shanola Hampton as Veronica Fisher, Kate Miner as Tami Tamietti, Jeremy Allen White as Lip Gallagher, William H. Macy as Frank Gallagher, Emma Kenney as Debbie Gallagher, Christiani Isaiah as Liam Gallagher, Ethan Cutkosky as Carl Gallagher, Cameron Monaghan as Ian Gallagher and Noel Fisher as Mickey Milkovich.

**PASADENA, Calif. (AP)**—The wild ride of the Gallagher family on "Shameless" is coming to an end.

The series will air its 11th and final season this summer, Showtime entertainment pres-

ident Gary Levine said Monday. The debut date was not immediately announced.

"It will be one last hurrah for the Gallaghers and their unique blend of love and lechery," Levine told a TV critics meet-

ing. Producer John Wells and the cast have "promised to take 'Shameless' out with a bang."

William H. Macy stars as the family patriarch who gets by in life just about any way he can, setting a dubious ex-

ample for his offspring and others in his orbit.

The season 10 finale of "Shameless," which also stars Jeremy Allen White, Ethan Cutkosky and Shanola Hampton, will air Jan. 26.

## Man's explosive anger causes concern for easygoing fiancée

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm engaged to a wonderful guy. He is very sweet, and I'm beyond thankful for him. I wouldn't trade him for the world. But he has a character flaw that's hard to ignore. When he gets frustrated, he screams out loud and takes a while to get himself together.

When he lost his phone on a plane and was angry for hours, he pouted and scowled like the world had just ended. I have a very easygoing personality, and I don't understand this type of behavior. (He contacted his phone provider, and a new phone was delivered to him within 24 hours.)

When I talked to him about his anger, he said sometimes people get frustrated and show emotions. He added that he has noticed this issue, and it's something he's been working on for years. What should I do or say the next time we encounter a mishap and he becomes angry?

WONDERING IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

**DEAR WONDERING:** Your fiancé may be a perfectionist or even have a touch of OCD, which is why he is so hard on himself when he makes a mistake and becomes frustrated. For his own sake (and yours), he needs to find a better way of venting his emotions.

While anger is something everyone experiences at one time or another, most people start learning to control it during childhood. While pouting and scowling are acceptable, your fiancé "screaming" over losing his cellphone seems over the top. Not only that, it is intimidating. My booklet "The Anger in All of Us and How To Deal With It" contains suggestions for managing and constructively channeling anger in various situations. It can be ordered by sending your name and address, plus a check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds) to Dear Abby Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. Your fiancé needs to learn to channel his emotions more constructively because if he doesn't, it may eventually drive others away. We live in increasingly stressful times. It takes self-control as well as maturity to react calmly instead of exploding. Being in touch with his emotions will not only help your fiancé calm himself without losing it, it will also help him maintain the respect of others.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a friend and co-worker who likes to play with my hair, rub my back and put her hands on me in general. I am not a touchy-feely kind of person with ANYONE,

## DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
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and it makes me very uncomfortable when she does this. Is there a polite way of telling her to stop without making her feel uncomfortable or hurting her feelings? I'm not a "beat around the bush" kind of person, and I sometimes lack the tact of putting things nicely.

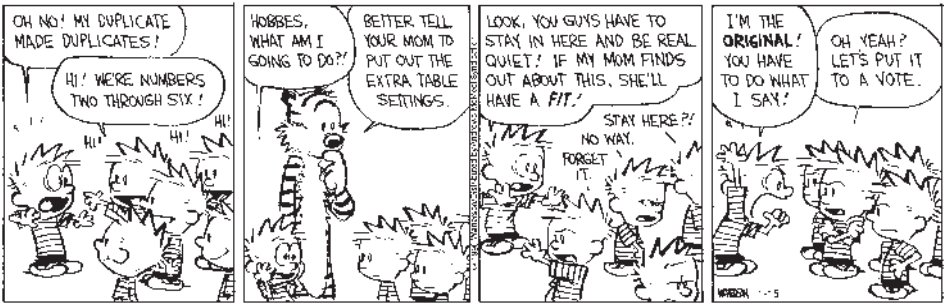
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**DEAR NO TOUCHY-FEELY:** To express your feelings would not be lacking in tact; it would be setting a boundary. Try this: "I like you very much, and I know the feelings are mutual, but I do not like to be touched, and I want you to stop doing it."

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By Bill Waterson



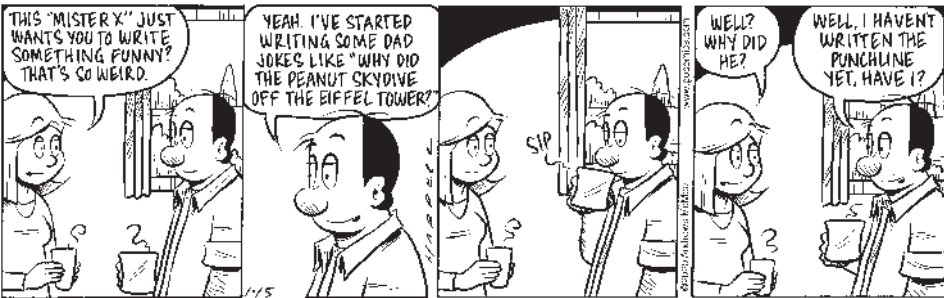
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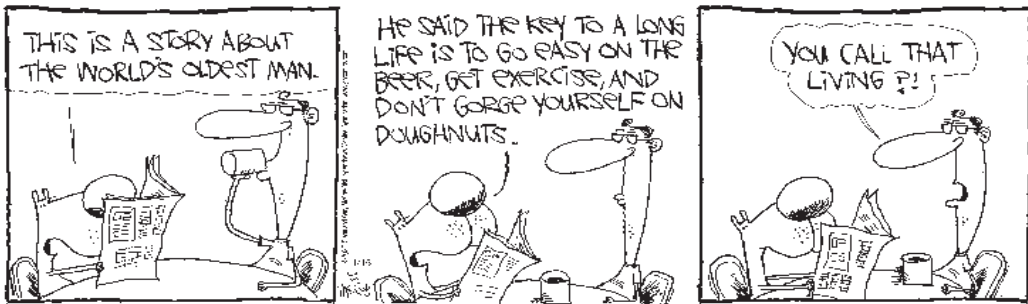
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**Happy Birthday:** Reach for the stars. Don't be afraid to show how passionate you feel about what you do professionally or personally. Make your words count, live up to your promises and show others that you mean business. Turn this into a year filled with success, expansion and high expectations. Embrace change, and take advantage of every opportunity that comes your way. Your numbers are 7, 10, 16, 24, 28, 33, 42.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Take action and do your own thing to get ahead. Talks won't amount to anything if you can't demonstrate the result. Empty promises are likely if you trust someone who tends to say what you want to hear. ★★★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You may have to reinvent your strategy to fit current economic trends. Don't hold back; be articulate, detailed and persistent. Someone you respect will stand by you and your decision, even if those closest to you give you a hard time. ★★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You have to play to win. Don't count on friends and people in high positions to help you. It's best to take the initiative and go it alone. A problem at home may leave you speechless. Don't give in to threats. ★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Start putting your ideas out to the universe. Move fast, and you'll stay ahead of the competition. Use your creative genius to cut corners. Make contributions to groups you feel have something to offer in return. Make plans with someone you love. ★★★★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You can get by on charm and capture your audience, but don't exaggerate, or someone will question you. If you leave something unfinished, the repercussions will be detrimental in moving forward. A lesson you experience will help you move on. ★★★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Set the standard, and follow through with your plans. You can impress someone, but don't do so if it will affect your reputation. At some point, you'll be forced to say no. Cut your losses, and walk away from a bad deal. ★★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Times are changing, but are you willing to make a move? Opportunities coupled with your creative ideas should help you make a positive change in your life. Someone you meet through education, traveling or networking will attract your attention. ★★★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Resolving an emotional issue will be much easier if you offer an enticing incentive. Aesthetic

changes to your home will cheer you up and encourage you to host a gathering. A little romance will lift your spirits as well as your confidence. ★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Keep your thoughts a secret. Take time to help others by providing a service or offering your time. Be a team player, and someone will offer you valuable information that will come in handy. Personal gain is apparent. ★★★

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Dominate whatever situation you face. If change is what you desire, start the ball rolling. Make a point to engage in talks that will encourage others to respond favorably to your plans. Romance is on the rise. ★★★★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You'll have a great idea, and if properly executed, you stand to make some cash. You'll be able to get your point heard and make a difference. Work quickly, leave nothing to chance and focus on finishing what you start. ★★★

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# Hinch, GM fired for Astros sign stealing after MLB bans pair



**HOUSTON** (AP)—The Houston Astros' sign-stealing scandal cost manager AJ Hinch and general manager Jeff Luhnow their jobs, and Boston Red Sox manager Alex Cora could be next.

Hinch and Luhnow were fired Monday after being suspended by Major League Baseball for the team's illicit use of electronics to steal signs during Houston's run to the 2017 World Series title and again in the 2018 season.

In U.S. sports' largest scandal since the New England Patriots' "Spygate," MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred announced the discipline and strongly hinted that Cora — the Astros bench coach in 2017—will face equal or more severe punishment. Manfred said Cora developed the sign-stealing system used by the Astros. The Red Sox are under investigation for stealing signs in Cora's first season as manager in 2018, when Boston won the World Series.

Houston was fined \$5 million, the maximum allowed under the Major League Constitution, as punishment. The Astros will also forfeit their next two first- and second-round amateur draft picks.

The investigation found that the Astros used the video feed from a center field camera to see and decode the opposing catcher's signs. Players banged on a trash can to signal to batters what was coming, believing it would improve the batter's odds of getting a hit.

Sign stealing is a legal and time-honored part of baseball as long as it is done with the naked eye — say, by a baserunner standing on second. Using technology is prohibited.

Astros players disputed whether knowing the pitches seconds in advance helped batters. Houston had fewer wins at home than on the road, winning 94 home games and 110 on the road during the two seasons. There was no sign-stealing system on the road.

"While it is impossible to determine whether the conduct actually impacted the results on the field, the perception of some that it did causes significant harm to the game," Manfred said.

Manfred, in his most significant action since becoming commissioner five years ago, said Hinch failed to stop the sign stealing and Luhnow was responsible for the players' conduct even though he made the dubious claim he was not aware. Manfred said owner Jim Crane was not informed.

An hour after MLB announced its punishment, Crane opened a news conference by saying Hinch and



Luhnow were fired.

"I have higher standards for the city and the franchise, and I'm going above and beyond MLB's penalty," he said. "We need to move forward with a clean slate."

Both Luhnow's and Hinch's suspensions for the 2020 season were to be without pay. Crane said he will look outside the organization and internally for candidates to replace Luhnow. If he hires internally, the most likely candidate would be Pete Putila, who was promoted to assistant general manager this offseason.

Crane, who said he learned of the discipline this weekend, was visibly upset during Monday's news conference and insisted that Houston's championship, which culminated in a seven-game World Series over the Los Angeles Dodgers, was not tainted.

"We want to be known as playing by the rules," he said. "We broke the rules. We accept the punishment and we're going to move forward ... if you read the report neither (Luhnow or Hinch) implemented this or pushed it through the system and (it) really came from the bottom up."

Hinch's penalty was among the longest for an MLB manager. Brooklyn's Leo Durocher was suspended for one year by Commissioner Happy Chandler in April 1947 for the "accumulation of unpleasant incidents" detrimental to baseball, and Cincinnati's Pete Rose was banned for life by Commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti in August 1989 for betting on Reds' games while managing the team.

Houston was a big league-best 204-120 during the two years in question, winning its first title. Hinch, a 45-year-old former catcher with a degree from Stanford, was the most

successful manager in the history of the Astros, who have won two of the last three AL pennants and came within one victory of another World Series title last year against Washington. Luhnow, 53, earned an MBA at Northwestern and fostered an analytic-based culture during eight seasons as Astros GM, but also a toxic one with high turnover.

"It is very clear to me that the culture of the baseball operations department, manifesting itself in the way its employees are treated, its relations with other clubs, and its relations with the media and external stakeholders, has been very problematic," Manfred wrote in a nine-page statement. "At least in my view, the baseball operations department's insular culture -- one that valued and rewarded results over other considerations, combined with a staff of individuals who often lacked direction or sufficient oversight, led ... finally, to an environment that allowed the conduct described in this report to have occurred."

Crane, who hired Luhnow weeks after buying the Astros, denied a widespread problem, saying "I think there was some isolated situations."

Luhnow said in a statement that he accepts responsibility "for rules violations that occurred on my watch as president of baseball operations and general manager of the Astros" and apologized to the team and fans for "the shame and embarrassment this has caused."

Then Luhnow defended himself.

"I am not a cheater," the statement said. "Anybody who has worked closely with me during my 32-year career inside and outside baseball can attest to my integrity. I did not know rules were being

broken. As the commissioner set out in his statement, I did not personally direct, oversee or engage in any misconduct. The sign-stealing initiative was not planned or directed by baseball management; the trash-can banging was driven and executed by players, and the video decoding of signs originated and was executed by lower-level employees working with the bench coach. I am deeply upset that I wasn't informed of any misconduct because I would have stopped it."

Hinch issued a statement through the Astros, saying he was "disappointed in our club's actions within this timeline, and I accept the Commissioner's decision."

"As a leader and major league manager, it is my responsibility to lead players and staff with integrity that represents the game in the best possible way," the statement said. "While the evidence consistently showed I didn't endorse or participate in the sign-stealing practices, I failed to stop them and I am deeply sorry."

Manfred said Hinch was aware of the system but did not tell Luhnow.

"As the person with responsibility for managing his players and coaches, there simply is no justification for Hinch's failure to act," Manfred said.

The GM told Major League Baseball he was unaware of the system, but Manfred held him accountable for the team's actions.

"Although Luhnow denies having any awareness that his replay review room staff was decoding and transmitting signs, there is both documentary and testimonial evidence that indicates Luhnow had some knowledge of those efforts," Manfred's report said.

Baseball's response was far greater than that of the NFL to a similar infraction. New

England coach Bill Belichick was fined \$500,000 in 2007 and the Patriots were penalized \$250,000 for using video to capture an opponent's signals. The Patriots also were stripped of a first-round draft choice for punishment in the scandal known as "Spygate." They were penalized again for \$1 million eight years later for deflating footballs used in the AFC championship game. The NFL took away a first-round draft pick and suspended quarterback Tom Brady for four games.

Current New York Mets manager Carlos Beltrán, then a player with the Astros, was among the group involved. Manfred said no Astros players will be disciplined because he decided in September 2017 to hold a team's manager and GM responsible for sign-stealing infractions.

"Virtually all of the Astros' players had some involvement or knowledge of the scheme, and I am not in a position based on the investigative record to determine with any degree of certainty every player who should be held accountable."

Baseball's investigation began when former Astros pitcher Mike Fiers, now with Oakland, made the allegations in a report by The Athletic on Nov. 12.

Sign stealing has a long history in baseball — the New York Giants used a military field scope and buzzer during their 1951 tiebreaker playoff against the Brooklyn Dodgers. While decoding with the naked eye is allowed, MLB has enacted increasingly stringent prohibitions in recent years against the use of electronics to spy on opponents.

MLB's Department of Investigations interviewed 27 witnesses, including 23 current and former Houston players, and reviews tens of thousands

AP  
In this Sept. 29, 2014, file photo, Houston Astros general manager Jeff Luhnow, right, and A.J. Hinch pose after Hinch is introduced as the new manager of the baseball club in Houston.

of emails, Slack communications, text messages, video clips and photographs.

Astros employees in the team's video replay room started to decode signs using a center field camera at the start of the 2017 season. A player would act as a runner to bring the information to the dugout, where a runner on second would be signaled. The runner would decode the catcher's sign and signal the batter. At times, an employee in the replay room would convey the information by text message to the watch or phone of a staff member in the dugout.

Cora began calling the replay room for the information early in the season. After a group of players that included Beltrán discussed how to improve the system about two months into the season, Cora arranged for a video monitor of a center field camera to be installed next to the dugout, and players would communicate pitches by banging a bat or massage gun on a trash can. Two bangs usually were used for off-speed pitches and no sound for fastballs.

Manfred said the banging system was not used in 2018 but that signs were stolen by the replay room and communicated to the dugout in person during at least part of that season. There was no evidence signs were stolen during the 2018 playoffs.

The Mets and Beltrán declined to comment, spokesman Harold Kaufman said.

Manfred left it to the Astros whether to discipline lower-level employees found to be involved in the sign stealing.

"Lower-level employees were taking direction from senior, either players or coaches," Crane said. "And so in my opinion it can be difficult to hold them to the same standard we hold to the leaders. But we'll review that ... and deal with that shortly."

Also Monday, former Astros assistant GM Brandon Taubman was suspended through the World Series for his conduct during last year's AL Championship Series, when his profane remarks directed at female reporters led to his firing by Houston, which at first denied the incident and later apologized.

Taubman can apply to Manfred for reinstatement after the World Series. Any future violations of Major League Rules by Hinch, Luhnow or Taubman would lead to a lifetime ban.

# A look back at other infamous cheating scandals in sports

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The fallout from baseball's latest sign-stealing scandal is beginning to take shape. Houston manager AJ Hinch is out of a job, and so is general manager Jeff Luhnow. The question is what will happen with the Boston Red Sox, who are also under investigation for sign stealing.

Before they were fired Monday, Hinch and Luhnow were suspended for one season by Major League Baseball for the team's use of electronics to steal signs in 2017 and 2018. The Astros won the World Series in 2017. Boston won it in 2018 — and the Red Sox are being investigated for their conduct that season.

With two recent championships involved, this controversy now takes its place alongside some other famous cheating scandals in sports.

## DOPING

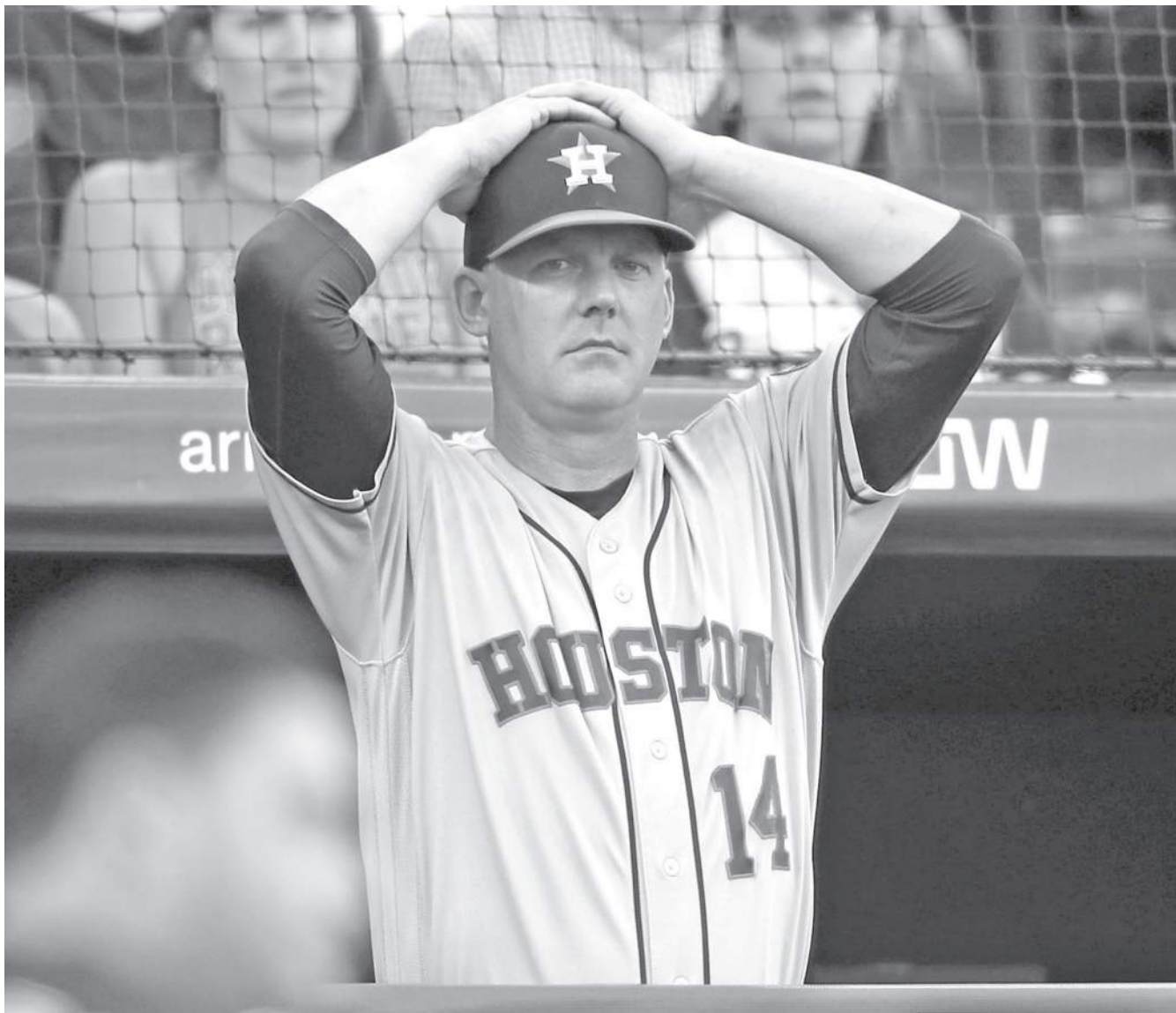
There are enough drug scandals in sports to form their own list, both at the international level and in the major American sports. Russia remains embroiled in an ongoing doping controversy. The International Olympic Committee banned Russia from the 2018 Winter Olympics due to evidence of mass cheating four years earlier at the Winter Games in Sochi. More recently, Russia received a four-year ban from international sports events, including this year's Tokyo Olympics.

## 1951 GIANTS

The sign-stealing scheme heard 'round the world? The New York Giants won the National League pennant over Brooklyn in dramatic fashion in 1951—on a famous home run by Bobby Thomson. But The Wall Street Journal later quoted Hall of Fame outfielder Monte Irvin, catcher Sal Yvars and pitcher Al Gettel as admitting the Giants stole signs. The Journal said the Giants would spy from their center field clubhouse with a military field scope and relay signals to the bullpen with a buzzer system. Yvars said he relayed signals to hitters.

## SPYGATE

The New England Patriots have been the NFL's dominant franchise over the past two decades, but suspicion has hung over them. New England was fined \$250,000 and lost a first-round draft pick in 2007 for violating rules against using video to steal signals. Coach Bill Belichick was also fined \$500,000. Later, the team was accused of illegally de-



In this July 2, 2019, file photo, Houston Astros manager AJ Hinch reacts during a baseball game against the Colorado Rockies, in Denver. AP

The school did not field a team in 1988 either. This season was the first time SMU was ranked in the Top 25 since those sanctions.

## DISQUALIFIED

Soccer players are often accused of faking injuries, but this was an extreme example: As part of an audacious attempt to help Chile in World Cup qualifying, goalie Roberto Rojas fell to the ground bleeding after a flare was thrown onto the field in a 1989 match at Brazil. Chile's players refused to continue playing, but a photographer caught Rojas sneaking a razor from one of his gloves and cutting his own head. Chile missed out on the 1990 World Cup and was banned from the 1994 edition.

## CUTTING IN

Rosie Ruiz finished first in the Boston Marathon in 1980, then was stripped of her title days later. Ruiz did not show up on videotape or in photographs taken along the first 25 miles of the race. Two Harvard students came forward to say they saw her join the race about a mile from the finish.

flating footballs for the 2015 AFC championship game. Quarterback Tom Brady was suspended four games, and the team was fined \$1 million and docked another first-round pick.

## GIVING CHASE

In a 2013 race at Richmond, NASCAR's Clint Bowyer spun on the closing laps, bringing out a caution and setting in motion a series of events that helped teammate Martin Truex Jr. qualify for the Chase for the Sprint Cup. NASCAR penalized Michael Waltrip Racing for manipulating the outcome of the race, and Truex ended up losing his spot in the Chase. Jeff Gordon was also added to the Chase field amid the fallout from NASCAR's biggest cheating scandal in years. Several other teams were caught in the controversy and it ultimately led to Michael Waltrip Racing going out of business.

## WRONG SCORE

Vijay Singh was 22 when he was accused of changing his scorecard in the 1985 Indonesia Open and was disqualified. Singh said it was a misunderstanding, but the head of the Southeast Asia Golf Federation suspended him indefinitely from the Asian Tour. Singh took a club pro job in Borneo, eventually made his way back through a small African tour, the European Tour and the PGA Tour and led a distin-

guished career that led to the World Golf Hall of Fame.

## SHUT DOWN

There's plenty to choose from when it comes to rule break-

ing in major college sports, but the most severe penalty over the past few decades probably still belongs to SMU football. Boosters funneled thousands of dollars

to football players through a slush fund administered by school officials. The NCAA gave SMU's program the "death penalty" — shutting it down for the 1987 season.

## Fury predicts early KO of Wilder in heavyweight rematch



**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Tyson Fury leaned into the microphone and issued an audacious prediction to Deontay Wilder regarding their heavyweight rematch.

"You're going to sleep in two rounds," the English champion said Monday.

Wilder replied by picking up his own microphone and loudly sniffing it, mocking Fury for his past problems with drug abuse.

When these two unbeaten heavyweights got together in downtown Los Angeles on Monday, they picked up right where they left off across the street in December 2018.

Their thrilling split draw at Staples Center has led to a rematch Feb. 22 in Las Vegas, and both men claim they expect a knockout victory in what's likely to be the most-anticipated heavyweight title fight in recent years.

Although both fighters are skilled in the craft of promotional hyperbole, it was still a surprise when Fury (29-0-1, 20 KOs) declared he can knock out Wilder within the

first six minutes at the MGM Grand Garden Arena.

A knockout prediction is no surprise at all coming from Wilder (42-0-1, 41 KOs), whose peerless punching power dropped Fury twice in their first bout. The fight's most memorable moment was Fury's stunning rise from a 12th-round knockdown that had left him flat on his back.

"I'm prepared for more than ever," Wilder said. "I told Fury two years ago I was going to baptize him, and I did just that. Rising up is part of the baptism. I told him he was going to go, 'Timber!' And he did just that. This time around, it's called unfinished business. He won't be able to get back up. This time, I'm going to knock him out."

Aside from the fighters' charismatic personalities and their penchants for wild public statements, this matchup is fascinating because it pits Fury's boxing skills — which are impressive for any fighter, let alone a hulking heavyweight—against Wilder's ferocious punching power, which is likely unmatched in the sport.

Fury nearly won the first

bout with his impressive movement and activity, but Wilder's strength proved to be an equalizer.

Fury would have claimed a decision on the scorecards if he hadn't been knocked down twice, yet Fury insists he must win by knockout to get a decision in the U.S.

He even changed trainers and hired a nutritionist with a knockout in mind, moving from trainer Ben Davison to Javan Hill, a nephew and disciple of the late Emmanuel Steward.

"I can't win a decision here, and I accept that," said Fury, who won a decision in Las Vegas four months ago. "I'm going for a knockout because thinking I won the fight ain't enough. I need to know. Thinking it doesn't count. I need to end the fight."

Fury believes he hurt Wilder several times in their first bout, but said he "just didn't have the gas" that would have been necessary for a knockout. He believes he can find that extra reservoir of strength this time, even if he has to abandon the boxing skills that served him well for most of the first fight.

Wilder is aiming for a knockout, but he also believes he can win a decision. He also feels the first fight should have been stopped due to a deep cut on Fury's face. In fact, Wilder thinks he would have won the first fight on the scorecards if he hadn't given away a few early rounds by coming out "overexcited and anxious."

"But when you have devastating power like I do, you don't worry about rounds," Wilder said. "He's got to survive 12 rounds with me."

Wilder also suggested Fury's bravado masks the British boxer's worries about his chin and his American opponent's ferocity. Wilder points to Fury's less-than-impressive effort against Sweden's Otto Wallin in September as a sign of his decline.

"When you get knocked down like that, and you don't know how you got on the ground, let alone how you got up, it's scary," Wilder said of his 12th-round knockdown of Fury. "It's not only scary for you. It's scary for your friends, your family, because they know you're going in there with that monster."

# Warren, Brogdon help Pacers beat 76ers again, 101-95



**INDIANAPOLIS** (AP)—When the Indiana Pacers were struggling offensively Monday, T.J. Warren bailed them out.

He did it defensively, too.

Warren blocked a potential go-ahead 3-pointer with 29 seconds left, and the Pacers scored the final seven points for a 101-95 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers.

“Defensively, I’ve been more confident on that end,” Warren said. “I just made the big play when I could and the result was a win.”

Indiana has now beaten the 76ers twice in 14 days and holds the No. 5 spot in the Eastern Conference standings, a half-game ahead of Philadelphia.

And yet in a game Malcolm Brogdon finished with 21 points, seven rebounds and nine assists, and Myles Turner and Domantas Sabonis both produced double-doubles, it was Warren’s energy, ability to get to the rim and a critical defensive play that proved the difference.

“I think we just locked in on the defensive end,” Turner said. “I think that was really the story of the night.”

It wasn’t anything like Indiana’s 115-97 rout on New Year’s Eve.

This time, just about everyone on both teams struggled through three dreadful quarters.

Warren and Ben Simmons were the exceptions.

While Simmons finished the first half 9 of 11 from the field and staked the 76ers to a 49-40 halftime lead, Warren made just enough shots to keep the Pacers close.

It looked like that might change when the 76ers ran out to a 63-52 lead midway through the third quarter.



Indiana Pacers’ T.J. Warren (1) is congratulated on blocking the shot of Philadelphia 76ers’ Tobias Harris by Domantas Sabonis (11) and Justin Holiday (8) during the second half of an NBA basketball game, Monday, Jan. 13, 2020, in Indianapolis.

But Turner led the Pacers back with a 15-4 spurt to tie the score.

Josh Richardson started to swing the game with a 17-point, fourth-quarter flurry that included two free throws to give the 76ers a 92-89 lead with 3:36 left. Instead, his 3 to make it 95-94 with 2:02 to go accounted for the only Philadelphia points the rest of the game.

Turner made two free throws with 1:14 to go to give Indiana the lead, Warren kept it intact by blocking Tobias Harris’ 3 and the Pacers closed it out at the free throw line.

Simmons had 24 points and 14 rebounds, while Richardson finished with 23 points as Philadelphia fell to 1-2 since losing Joel Embiid with an injured finger on his left hand.

“We just have to make more open looks,” Harris said. “I think, all around, we haven’t shot it well from 3 so we’ve got to stick with it. At the same time, we’ve make more of the shots we’re getting.”

## Lakers 128, Cavaliers 99

In Los Angeles, LeBron James scored 23 of his 31 points in a dominant second half, and Dwight Howard added season highs of 21 points and 15 rebounds in Los Angeles’ ninth consecutive victory.

James added eight assists while passing Isaiah Thomas for sole possession of eighth place on the NBA’s career list. The longtime Cavaliers superstar led a decisive run during the third quarter and poured it

on in the fourth for the Lakers, who still haven’t lost since Christmas.

Los Angeles won its third straight game without Anthony Davis, who is out with a bruised backside.

Kevin Love had 21 points and 11 rebounds for Cleveland in the third stop of a six-game road stretch. Two days after the Cavs posted a surprising win at powerhouse Denver, they couldn’t keep up with a franchise icon who hasn’t slowed down since he moved to the West Coast.

## Thunder 117, Timberwolves 104

In Minneapolis, Shai Gilgeous-Alexander had 20 points, a career-high 20 rebounds and 10 assists in his first triple-double,

leading Oklahoma City over Minnesota.

Gilgeous-Alexander came in averaging 23.7 points in his previous 13 games but did much more than score in this one, also matching his career best in assists.

Danilo Gallinari scored 30 points for the Thunder, who have won 12 of their past 15 games and six of seven on the road. He was 11 for 12 from the free throw line.

Naz Reid scored 20 off the bench for Minnesota, which was still without Karl-Anthony Towns. Reid has scored in double figures in six of the last eight games. Robert Covington scored 18 points.

## Celtics 113, Bulls 101

In Boston, Jayson Tatum scored 21 points, Jaylen Brown 19 and Boston coasted over Chicago.

Enes Kanter had 15 points and nine rebounds, Kemba Walker added 14 points and Marcus Smart had 12 points for Boston, which won its second straight after a season-high three-game losing streak.

Zach LaVine led the Bulls with 30 points, including a couple of highlight dunks. Thaddeus Young added 17 points for Chicago, which has lost seven of eight.

## Trail Blazers 115, Hornets 112

In Portland, Ore., Damian Lillard scored 30 points, including a buzzer-beating 3-pointer from nearly halfcourt to end the third quarter, and Portland handed Charlotte its fifth straight loss.

Anthony Tolliver had a season-high 16 points, all in the

fourth quarter, and the Blazers snapped a two-game overall losing streak and a four-game skid at the Moda Center. CJ McCollum finished with 27 points.

The Blazers, who led by as many as 17 points in the first half before Charlotte closed the gap and took a third-quarter lead, have won their last six games against the Hornets.

Terry Rozier had 27 points for the Hornets, who were coming off a 100-92 loss at Phoenix the night before.

## Magic 114, Kings 112

In Sacramento, Calif., Aaron Gordon made a three-point play with 1.1 seconds remaining, and Orlando beat Sacramento.

Gordon finished with 19 points and nine rebounds in his return to Orlando’s lineup after missing one game with calf tightness. Nikola Vucevic had 26 points and 15 rebounds, and Evan Fournier scored 25 points.

De’Aaron Fox had 31 points, 10 assists and eight rebounds for Sacramento. Nemanja Bjelica set career highs with 34 points and eight 3-pointers.

## Pelicans 117, Pistons 110, OT

In Detroit, Lonzo Ball scored five of his 17 points in overtime and New Orleans beat Detroit in a matchup of injury-depleted teams.

The Pistons are still missing starters Blake Griffin (knee), Luke Kennard (knee) and Reggie Jackson (back), while the Pelicans played without their top three scorers — Brandon Ingram (knee), Jrue Holiday (elbow) and JJ Redick (hamstring) — along with Derrick Favors (hamstring) and Zion Williamson (knee).

Detroit, which trailed by 16 with 11 minutes to play, tied the game at 100 on Derrick Rose’s bank shot with 30 seconds left. E’Twaun Moore missed two short jumpers, giving Detroit the ball with 14 seconds remaining, but Rose missed at the buzzer.

The Pelicans opened overtime with a 9-2 run, including five points from Ball, and Rose had two turnovers in the last 90 seconds.

New Orleans has won three of four and is now 9-4 after a 6-22 start. Jalen Okafor had 25 points and 14 rebounds while Nicolo Melli scored 20 points and Moore had 16.

## Australian Open qualifying begins despite poor air quality

**MELBOURNE, Australia** (AP)—Smoke haze and poor air quality caused by wildfires temporarily suspended practice sessions for the Australian Open at Melbourne Park on Tuesday, but qualifying began later in the morning in “very poor” conditions and amid complaints by at least one player who was forced to forfeit her match.

At the Kooyong Classic exhibition in Melbourne, former No. 1-ranked Maria Sharapova struggled in the heat and smoke and her match against Laura Siegemund was called off late in the second set. Siegemund won the first set in a tiebreaker but players and officials decided to stop play at 5-5 in the second.

“Both players are feeling

the smoke so we are going to stop the match at this point,” the umpire said.

At Melbourne Park, Slovenian Dalila Jakupovic was leading her first-round Australian Open qualifying match against Switzerland’s Stefanie Voegelé when she dropped to her knees with a coughing spell. Ranked 180th, Jakupovic was a set up and one point away from a tiebreaker in the second set when she experienced breathing difficulties and retired from the match.

“I was really scared that I would collapse,” Jakupovic told Australian Associated Press. “I don’t have asthma and never had breathing problems. I actually like heat.

The physio came again and I thought it would be better. But the points were a bit longer and I just couldn’t breathe anymore and I just fell on the floor.”

Jakupovic said it was “not fair” that officials asked players to take the court in those conditions.

“It’s not healthy for us. I was surprised, I thought we would not be playing today but we don’t have much choice.”

Former Wimbledon semi-finalist Eugenie Bouchard needed some medical assistance during her first qualifying match before beating You Xiaodi 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-1.

Organizers said further decisions on match scheduling



# Embracing road warrior mentality is why Titans go to KC next

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**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** (AP)—Tennessee coach Mike Vrabel made it clear before flying to Houston needing to win their regular-season finale that the Titans would have to be road warriors to keep this season alive.

They've done just that, winning three straight, with each win bigger than the last, to reach the franchise's first AFC championship game since the 2002 season. Their formula is simple: The Titans dominate with the NFL's rushing leader running like no one in league history, and with a stingy defense.

"It was an easy path," Vrabel said Monday. "They didn't have to worry about if we were going to be home or anything else."

That said, the Titans (11-7) have taken a challenging path in trying to become the first sixth seed to reach a Super Bowl since the Green



Bay Packers in 2010. They knocked off the defending Super Bowl champion in New England and followed up by stunning the team with the NFL's best record in Baltimore 28-12.

Now they have to go to

Kansas City, the No. 2 seed with the 2018 NFL MVP in Patrick Mahomes on Sunday in the franchise's third AFC championship game since moving to Tennessee, and fifth all time. The Titans are 7-3 on the road counting both the reg-

ular season and playoffs.

"We knew our situation started in Houston and our playoffs started then. We had to win," center Ben Jones said. "All we can focus on is this week. So this is a big one for us, and we just got to take care

AP  
Baltimore Ravens wide receiver Miles Boykin (80) misses the catch on a two-point conversion against Tennessee Titans free safety Kevin Byard (31) during the second half of an NFL divisional playoff football game, Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020, in Baltimore.

of this week."

## WHAT'S WORKING

Derrick Henry, aka El Tractorcito, was impressive in the regular season, leading the league with 1,540 yards rushing. Now Henry and the Titans are making NFL history and punishing defenses.

Nobody had ever run for at least 180 yards in three consecutive games before Henry. He has strung together games with 211 yards in the regular-season finale at Houston and followed that by setting the franchise postseason rushing record with 182 yards against New England, then 195 against Baltimore, which had been the NFL's fifth-best rushing defense.

The Titans set a postseason record with 217 yards rushing in Baltimore, having topped 200 yards in each playoff game. The offensive plan might be tweaked against the Chiefs, but the recipe is simply keep giving Henry the ball. He'll even throw a touchdown pass if needed.

"He's an amazing player, and we knew he had it in him," Jones said of Henry. "Our thing is just don't let it end now."

## WHAT NEEDS HELP

This really feels like nitpicking here with the Titans coming off big wins. But at some point the Titans will have to throw for more than 83 yards to win in the playoffs. That said, Ryan Tannehill does have three TD passes, and he

has been sacked only twice with one interception. He also has used his legs, running for a touchdown against the Ravens.

## STOCK UP

Four-time Pro Bowl defensive lineman Jurrell Casey turned in simply his best game yet with his first two postseason sacks against Baltimore, including a forced fumble. He also had a tackle for loss with two quarterback hits and four tackles. Now one of the defensive captains, the nine-year veteran will be playing in his first AFC championship game.

"Definitely an amazing feeling," Casey said. "Can't ask the Lord for nothing else but to be able to play in the NFL and play in these type of moments and these type of games."

## STOCK DOWN

The Titans brought Darius Jennings back in late December after he averaged an NFL-best 31.7 yards on kickoff returns in 2018 for Tennessee, a franchise record. But he is averaging only 20 yards this postseason with a long of 22. The Titans had an average start at their 20 on three kickoffs in the divisional win.

## INJURED

Starting linebacker Jayon Brown's shoulder kept him out of the divisional game. Wide receiver Adam Humphries has missed six straight with an ankle, but Tennessee hasn't missed him through this stretch.

## KEY NUMBER

0 — The number of field goals Greg Joseph, the Titans' fourth kicker of the season, has attempted in his four games since being signed.

## NEXT STEPS

Win another playoff game in Kansas City and advance to the Super Bowl for the first

## EASY

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step by adding 6 points, as Old School trimmed their deficit to just 2 points, 39-41, at the half.

It was an all-new ballgame as the third quarter ensued, as Old School relied on its gunners Ed Pangelinan and James Abuy to totally outplay a stunned Saimar Pilot side.

Abuy ruffled in 8 points, including two from downtown, and Pangelinan fired 7, with one connection from beyond the arc, as Old School took control of the game and lead by 3 points, 58-55, going into the fourth and final quarter.

It would go from bad to worse for Saimar Pilot in the last 10 minutes of the contest. It turned out that Pangelinan was just warming up in the previous quarter, as the marksman went on to pour 13 of his game-high 23 points in the fourth. De Guzman and Abuy also joined in the action with 6 and 7 points, respectively, in the payoff peri-

od as Old School gave Saimar Pilot a neat lesson in making a comeback.

Abuy and De Guzman back-stopped Pangelinan's stellar showing with 19 and 12 points, while Santos paced Saimar Pilot's losing effort with 22 markers. Melvin Villarin was the only other Saimar Pilot player to register double figures with 13 points.

The win improved Old School's win-loss record to 4-1, while the loss dropped Saimar Pilot to 3-1. The two teams are chasing the unblemished 5-0 record of league-leading Blue Haus.

In the second game, Eats Easy The Game of coach Clint Albert completed a similar comeback in the open division after outdueling Vision RNV, 80-75.

Elmer Esdreton and Tristan Cosino started the fireworks for Vision RNV as the two combined for 12 points allowing their team to take a 23-19 spread after one quarter of play.

Eats Easy The Game

showed some signs of life in the second quarter as Joe Sablan scored 5 and Jun Fidelino 4 and they were only down, 34-39, at the half. Ehrol Peredo pumped in 4 points to keep Vision RNV's head above water in the second.

The tide eventually turned against Vision RNV in the third, as Kerwin Dayao started to heat up, scattering 16 of his 18 points in the period to give Eats Easy The Game a 60-55 advantage after three quarters of play. Peredo again tried to play the hero's role for Vision RNV with his 7 points in the third.

It was anybody's ballgame in the fourth and final quarter, but Sablan joined hands with Arnold Arellano as the two combined for 18 of Eats Easy The Game's 22 points in the period to finally wrestle the game away from Vision RNV.

Sablan paced Eats Easy The Game with 22 markers, while Dayao and Arellano had 18 and 15, respectively. Esdreton had 18 points in defeat, while Peredo

and Cosino altogether totaled 29.

The win was the fifth and six games for Eats Easy The Game, while Vision RNV limped to a 2-3 win-loss card.

## First Game

**Old School 90** — Pangelinan 23, Abuy 19, De Guzman 12, Cosino 9, Camacho 9, Grimpula 6, Pablo 3, Borja 2, Pam-bid 2, Montano 2, Tolentino 1.

**Saimar Pilot-HRP 74** — Santos 22, Villarin 13, Tolentino 8, Dayrit 8, Rasa 8, Usi 6, Echavez 3, Jinang 3, Guinto 3, Singca 2.

**Quarter scores:** 10-22, 39-41, 58-55, 90-74.

## Second Game

**East Eats The Game 80** — Sablan 22, Dayao 18, Arellano 15, Javier 10, Fidelino 6, Abo-bo 5, Torregozo 2, Cabaltica 2.

**Vision RNV 75** — Esdreton 18, Peredo 17, Cosino 12, Rueda 10, De Dios 6, Guiab 6, Devero 4, Taraya 2.

**Quarter scores:** 18-23, 34-39, 60-55, 80-75.

## CONTRACT

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Fortunately, the governor had a change of heart after meeting with stakeholders and receiving a revised expenditure plan that would delay the release of majority of the funds for the Mini Games to 2021.

"The goal is to have the Marianas ready for the Mini Games in 2021. The administration remains committed to giving our athletes this unique opportunity to represent the CNMI here at home, as well

as showcase their athletic skills, talents, and abilities in front of the rest of Oceania," said Bautista.

Pacific Games Council chief executive officer Andrew Minogue welcomed the Torres administration's signing of the contractual agreement to host the Mini Games.

"The PGC is very happy to have the support of the Torres administration for its hosting of the 2021 Pacific Mini Games. The athletes of the Pacific are looking forward to coming to Saipan next year," he said in an email to

Saipan Tribune.

Minogue said the contractual agreement is designed to get preparations back on track since not a lot of organizational activity has occurred since the Mini Games were awarded to the CNMI back in 2014.

"An injection of public funds is required early this year so that the organizing committee can appoint a CEO and get preparations moving. The administration can confirm the amount of funds required," he said.

One of the conditions that

brought the CNMI and Torres back to the negotiating table for hosting the Mini Games was the council acquiescing to a scaled-down version of the event. From the initial \$8 million, the total budget for hosting the Mini Games was cut to \$3 million and the events featured trimmed to six sports—athletics, baseball, badminton, beach volleyball, golf, and triathlon.

Minogue said the CNMI should expect somewhere around 1,000 athletes and officials from 24 countries for the 2021 Mini Games next year.

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rebuilding their lives," he said.

Alvarez added that Trench Tech was supposed to have Rites of Passage 24 on October 2018, but Yutu came and they ended up cancelling.

"Prior to ROP 24, the last event was April of 2018," he said.

While no MMA events were held, Alvarez kept himself busy by training his students at Trench Tech Purebred Gym in Garapan.

"My gym remained open and at least my guys have been keeping pretty active, training wise. We totally focused on BJJ this past year and a half and have been traveling to Guam and Japan to compete," said Alvarez, who himself is a

Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu black belter.

He earlier said Trench Tech was planning to hold BJJ classes for children in the 5-8 age group. The program may start once Trench Tech has at least 10 enrollees.

Once 10 children avail of the program, Alvarez and his team will start holding regular Gi classes every Tuesday and Thursday from 5pm to 6pm. Prior BJJ experience is not required and parents are also welcome to watch their children during the classes.

Alvarez encouraged parents to enroll their children in the program, as BJJ has a lot of benefits to the child's wellbeing, physically, mentally, and emotionally.

For more information on the BJJ classes for children, call Trench Tech at 670-783-4662.



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## Contract to host Mini Games signed

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The CNMI's hosting of the 2021 Mini Games has been signed, sealed, and delivered after the CNMI government finally agreed to financially back the regional quadrennial sporting event next year.

Press secretary Kevin Bautista said last Monday that the contract guaranteeing the CNMI government's financial support for the Mini Games sent by the Pacific Games Council has been signed by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and the Attorney General Edward E. Manibusan.

Aside from the financial commitment, which amount he didn't divulge, Bautista added that the Torres administration will make sure the sports facilities for the Mini Games will be



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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres talks to Pacific Games Council president Vidhya Lakhan and chief executive officer Andrew Minogue in a meeting for the CNMI's hosting of the 2021 Mini Games at the Governor's Office last year.

ready for the islands' first-ever hosting of the event.

"The administration will continue its work through federal disaster grants it has received to rebuild and expand the Oleai Sports Complex for the [Mini] Games," he said.

The Oleai Sports Complex is expected to be the main venue for the 2021 Mini Games.

The signing of the contract formally gives a go-signal for the CNMI's hosting of the Mini Games and ends months of uncertainty. The Torres administration earlier backed out of the hosting due to the destruction the islands sustained in the wake of Super Typhoon Yutu in 2018.

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## Easy Eats, Old School rally to victory

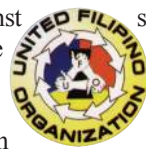
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Easy Eats The Game and Old School rallied from early deficits to win their respective matches in the continuation of the United Filipino Organization IT&E 2019 Basketball League last Sunday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

In the first game, Old School

went down early against Saimar Pilot-HRP in the masters division before mustering a comeback in the second half to win going away, 90-74.

Led by the 13 quick points of do-it-all forwards John Santos and Bogs Dayrit, Saimar Pilot raced to a 22-10 advantage in the first quarter. Only center Romeo Grimpula



showed any semblance of resistance for Old School with 4 points in the opening 10 minutes of the game.

Saimar Pilot continued to lead Old School at the start of the second quarter, but the latter began to gain some headway with the insertion of hulking center Ed Cosino in the period.

The 6'3" former semi-professional player in the Philippines turned back the hands of time by scoring all of his 9 points in the second quarter. Jorge De Guzman also showed he still has a bounce on his

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Old School gunner Ed Pangelinan was hailed Player of the Game in the masters division of the United Filipino Organization IT&E 2019 Basketball League last Sunday. He is seen here posing with league organizers.



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Students at Trench Tech Purebred Gym listen to their sensei during an instructional session.

## Trench Tech may restart MMA events 2nd quarter

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Mixed martial arts fans don't need to wait long for local promotions to restart again, as Trench Tech may finally host an MMA event in the second quarter of 2020.

Trench Tech founder Cuki Alvarez said they are looking at an April or May relaunch of their popular mixed martial arts events.

"We are currently awaiting confirmation from our

major sponsors—IT&E

and Miller Lite. Once

we get the green light

then we plan on bringing

back MMA action by

late April or early to

mid-May. In the meantime,

nothing's locked in stone," he

told *Saipan Tribune*.

Alvarez said it's been

more than a year and a half

since Trench Tech hosted an

MMA event and the main

culprit for the inactivity was

the destruction brought by

Super Typhoon Yutu, which

struck Saipan and Tinian in

October 2018.

"Yutu really caused

havoc on the whole

thing. Hotels were

booked because of

[Federal Emergency Man-

agement Agency personnel],

rent-a-cars were destroyed,

and of course the sheer pro-

cess of recovery throughout

the islands just didn't line

up with holding an event

when people were more

focused on

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